

# The Manea Community and its Forgotten Founder

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Upwell, in the Isle of Ely.

Also, to be *LET*, the same evening, during the term of the *Life of an Elderly Lady*,

Lot 5.—A very good, substantial, and pleasantly situated *RESIDENCE*, with the usual convenient Outbuildings attached thereto, Orchard, and Garden, standing in the centre of the town of Upwell, in the Isle of Ely, near New Bridge, very convenient for the Mill, and well situated for the wholesale and retail Flour Trade, which has been advantageously carried on there for the last six years.

*The whole of the above Freehold Property is now in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Hodson, the proprietor, of whom or of the Auctioneer, at Upwell, every particular may be known.—*

*Possession of the whole will be given at Michaelmas next, and of the Mill and House at Midsummer, if required.*

Lot 6.—All that newly-erected Freehold *MES- SUAGE* or *TENEMENT*, and *COTTAGE* adjoining the same, with good Garden, Orchard, Stone Yard, &c. containing Half an Acre, (more or less,) lately the residence of Mr. John Hodson, deceased, and now in the occupation of Mr. William Bossingham, situate in the centre of the town of Upwell, Norfolk, and bounded north by lands of Mr. J. Tokelove, south by the second portion of this lot, and west by Upwell-street.

Also a very good *BARN*, *STABLE*, and Out- buildings, extensive frontage, and a Paddock of rich *PASTURE LAND* behind, bounded on the north by the first portion of this lot, east by the third portion







met with a similar fate—being either worried, or driven into the dykes and drowned. Several of the sheep were fat ones. Three dogs were seen going in the direction of the fields in which the sheep were grazing, and had the appearance of lurchers.

On Tuesday last, a new Wesleyan Methodist chapel was opened at Brimstone Hill. The services were performed by the Rev. Theophilus Lessia, from London, to an overflowing auditory. At the close of the service, the subscriptions amounted to considerably more than was expected, which gave full proof of the existing zeal for the establishing a place of worship in so remote a part of the fens.

On Tuesday last, a young lady of Chatteris was walking on the road from that place to Mepal, when in the act of turning the corner leading to Wenny, a waggon, travelling at a rapid pace, ran against her,—she was knocked down and seriously bruised; but we are happy to say that Miss C. is now doing well.



## CENTRIFUGAL WATER MACHINE.

A number of gentlemen lately availed themselves of the invitation of Mr. W. Hodson of Upwell, to witness the working of a water machine, lately erected on his farm, by Mr. Whinfield, of Wisbeach. The machine being on an entirely new principle, considerable curiosity was felt to witness its powers, for though several that were there had seen the effect of the model, they were struck with the quantity of water thrown up by this enlarged machine. The quantity raised three feet six inches per hour, with six horses, was estimated at about 40,000 cubic feet; but it was the opinion of the scientific men present, that its powers might be almost indefinitely increased. This might be effected by enlarging the aperture at the bottom by which the water is admitted, and increasing the velocity of the machine. It requires, however, a few more experiments to ascertain the extent of its power; and it is hoped enough public spirit will be found to perfect a machine which promises to be so useful in a district so dependent on artificial drainage. The company were highly gratified by the exhibition, and felt much indebted to Mr. Hodson and others who had, with so much trouble and expence, provided so rich a treat. It is understood that it will remain for some time in its present situation, that other gentlemen may have an opportunity of witnessing its powers. The novelty of the principle—the singularity of the machine—and the flowing of the water, form altogether a scene so striking, that to be appreciated it must be seen. The principle is not only different, but essentially different from either the pump or the water wheel, and were there nothing else it would amply repay a journey to Upwell to witness so strange a phenomenon. To see water rushing up without the aid of valves or buckets, appears truly surprising, not merely to the vulgar, but also to the man of science, who, struck with the simplicity of the principle, is surprised how it could have so long escaped his notice. Another recommendation of the above machine is, the small expence at which it can be erected, which with some may operate in its favour. Great praise is due to Mr. Brewin, the inventor, who has spared no pains or expence to bring the machine to perfection, and who, at his sole cost, erected one on his own premises, capable of raising ten barrels of water per minute, by means of a crank and two men.





There were greater things to come and on a visit to Scotland he met and fell in love with Caroline Dew, the daughter of David Dale, owner of the New Lanark cotton mill on the Falls of Clyde.



Painting of New Lanark © New Lanark Trust

Owen married Caroline in 1799 and with four partners managed to raise enough capital to buy the New Lanark mills off Dale. He was not interested in simply making money, however: Owen wanted to run an enlightened regime at New Lanark.

He had over 2,000 people working for him - not just working, many of them lived in the tenement blocks set around the mill. And 500 of these were young children, most of them small enough to crawl under the looms and spinning jennies to clean the machinery and gather in stray cotton or wool.

Although his father-in-law David Dale had run a reasonably humane ship, drunkenness, absenteeism and theft, amongst other social problems, were rife.

Most of the work force came from the poorer elements of society, from the squalid slums of Glasgow or Edinburgh, and managers expected little else from them. Owen believed he could change this. He wanted to help people but he also knew that better living conditions could only help to make better profits.

Soon his aims had become reality. Improved housing conditions - prizes were awarded for things like the best kept room on the block - and a unique system of quality control that let all employees know exactly how they were doing, led to a highly motivated work force. And that was only the start of what he had in mind.

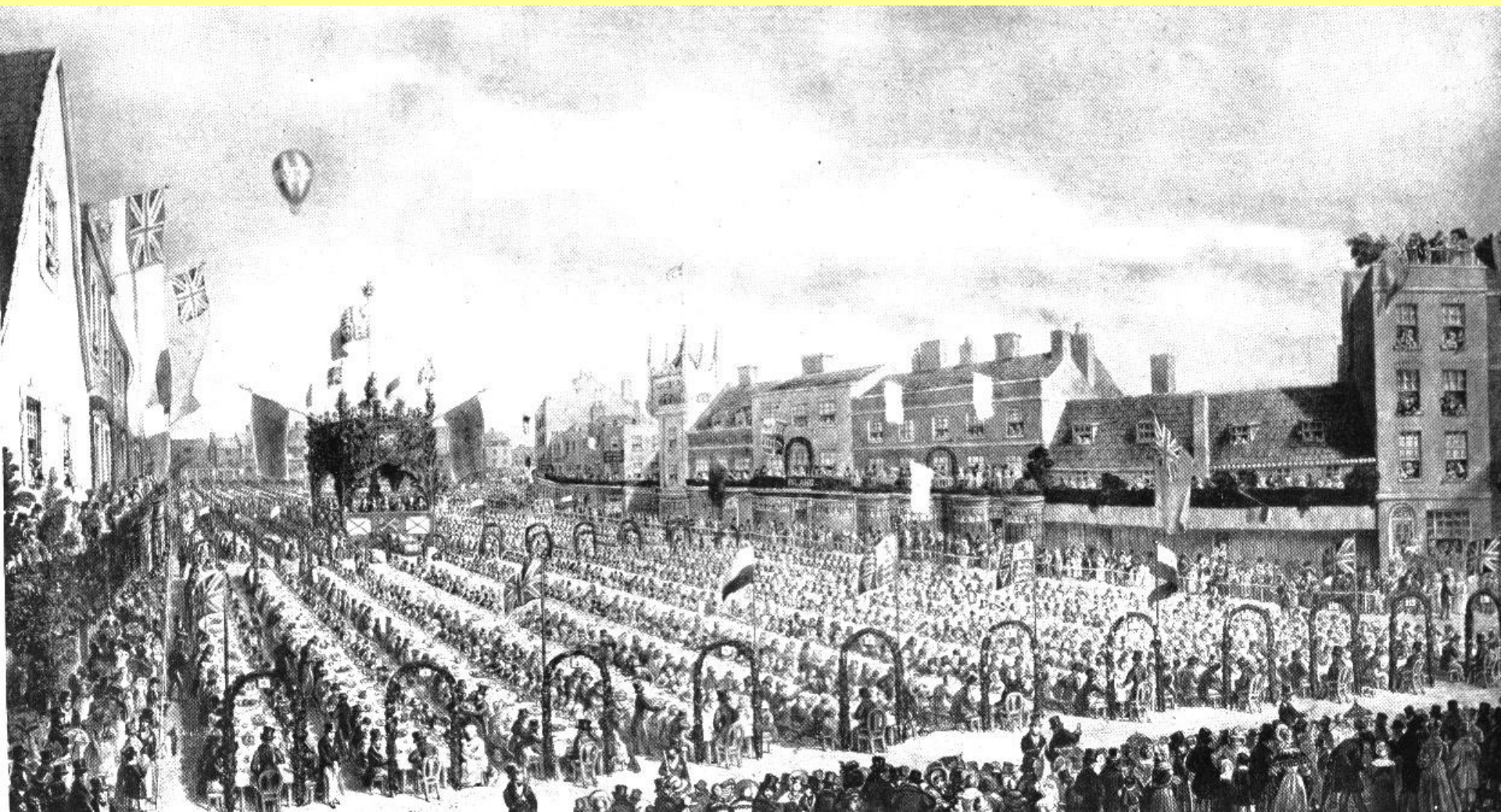
Owen soon became a pioneer of nursery or early years education, setting up a schoolroom on the site where children would be educated before they began work in the mill - this, 70 years before formal and compulsory education for all was introduced in Britain.

Such a system also provided an early form of child care while the mothers and fathers were working the looms. Visitors to New Lanark today can [visit this schoolroom](#) and see for themselves the alphabet of animals that Robert Owen had painted on the walls of the building.

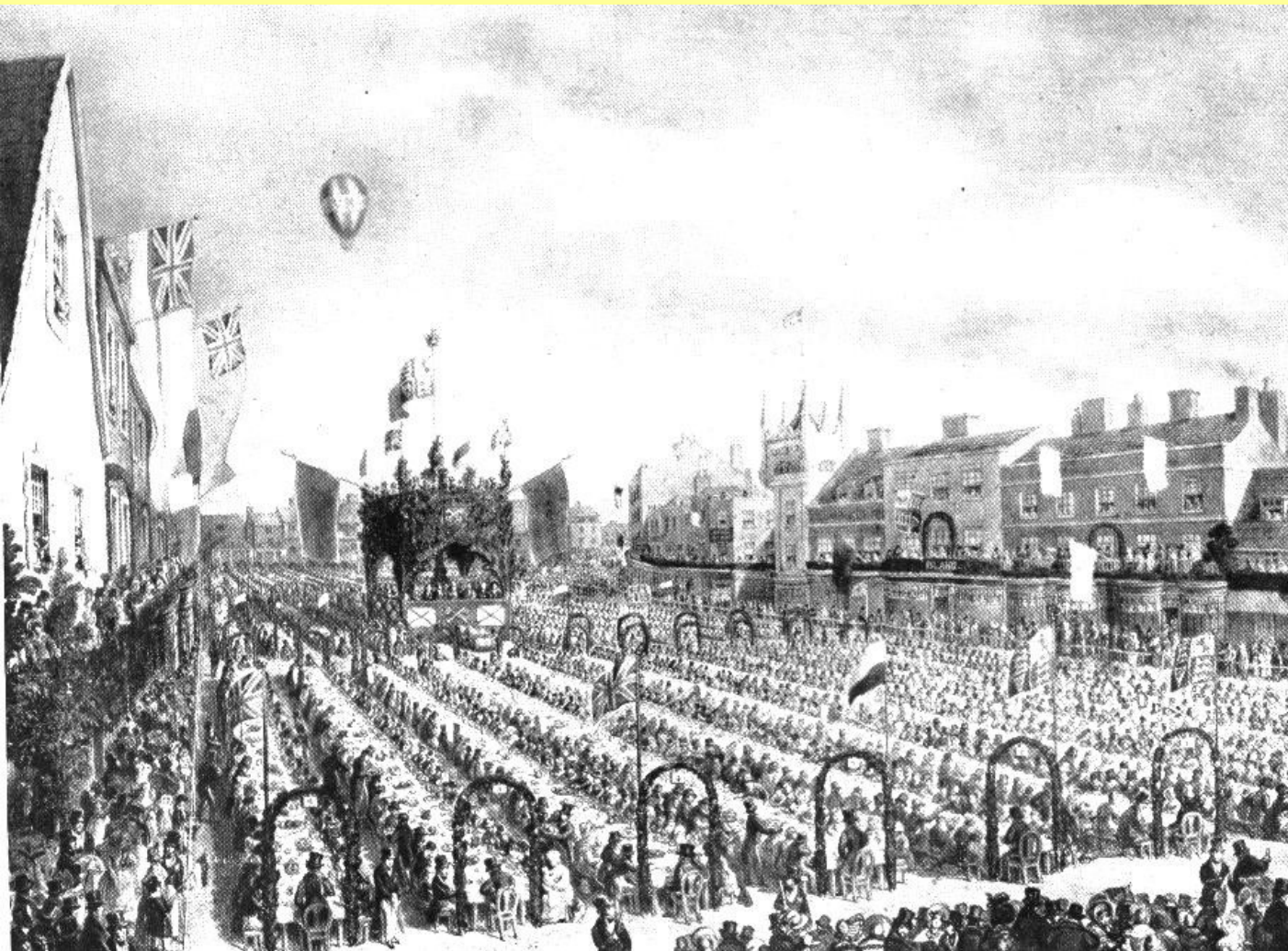
Most mills and mines had, for years, employed the truck system where workers were not paid in cash but in tokens that could only be redeemed at the company shop. Consequently, prices were exorbitant and many workers lived below the breadline. Not in Robert Owen's New Lanark.

Owen's shop sold goods at little more than their wholesale cost, thus ensuring that families had more















secretly, as a mark of respect, with 200 guineas, to be expended either in the purchase of a piece of gold plate, or in stained glass for the windows of the chapel.

We understand several hundred acres of adventurers' lands have been purchased near Stoke Ferry, and at Manea, upon which cottages are to be erected, lands allotted, and the principles and system of the eccentric but well-meaning Mr. Robert Owen, of Lanark, are to be carried into effect. Mr. Hill, of Wisbech, and Mr. Hodgson, of Upwell, are the sanguine promoters of the Self-advancement Society, (in support of which a meeting has been recently held at Peterboro') and are extremely sanguine as to the result within the Bedford Level.—*Cambridge Press.*

GOLD COIN.—In consequence of the inconvenience occasioned by the refusal of the Bank of England to take light sovereigns at their full nominal value, a proclamation has been issued that a sovereign shall pass current if of the weight of 5 dwts. and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  grs. ; and a half sovereign if of the weight of 2 dwts. and  $1\frac{3}{4}$  grs.

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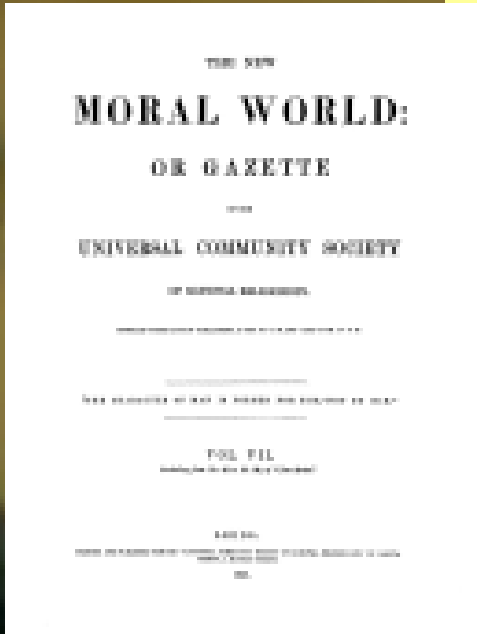
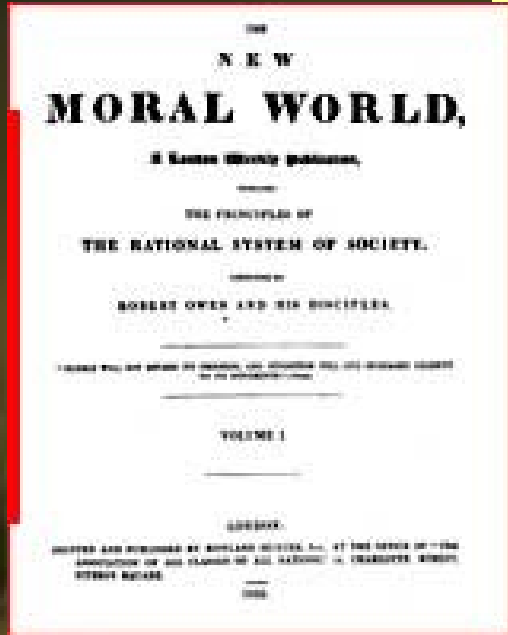
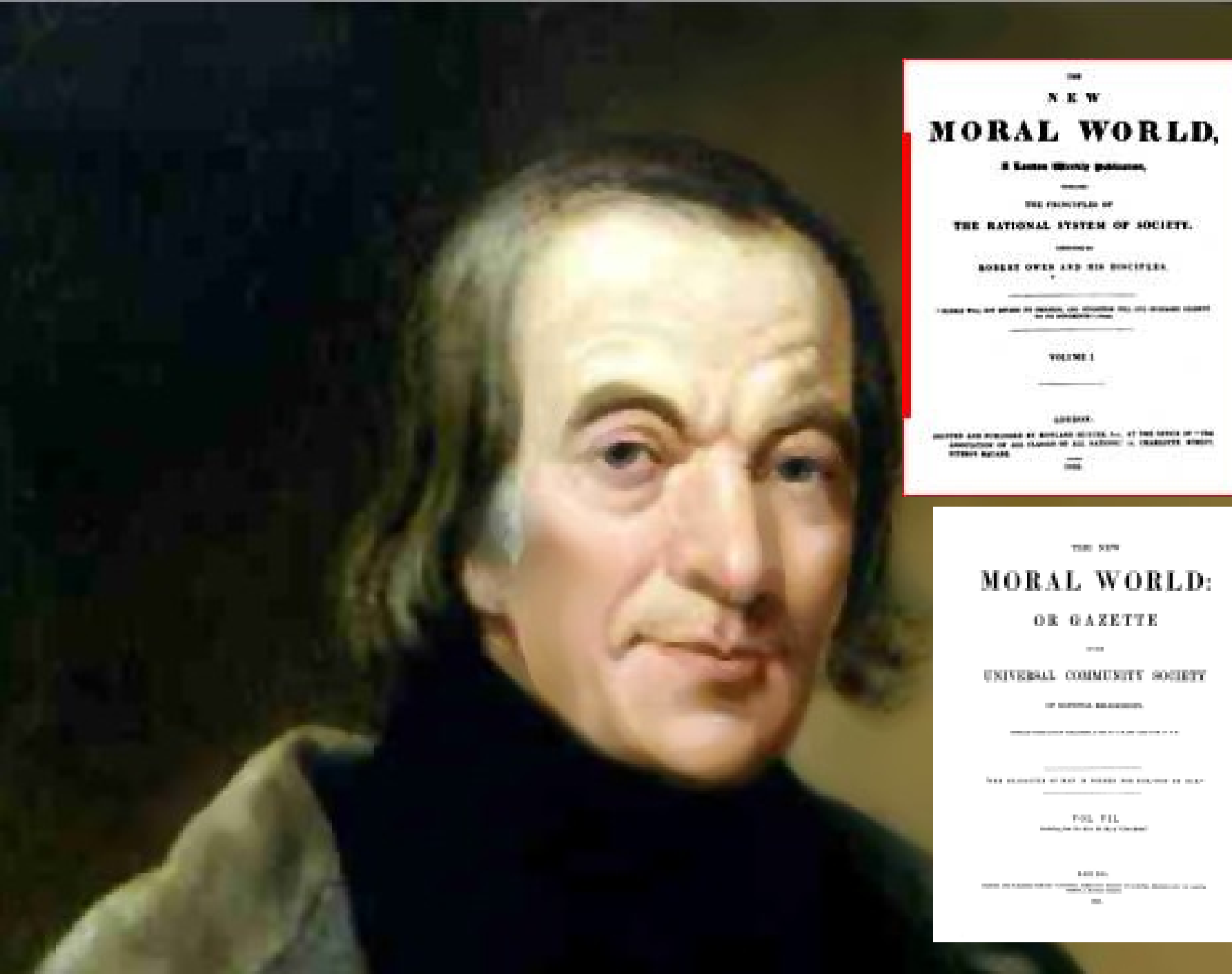


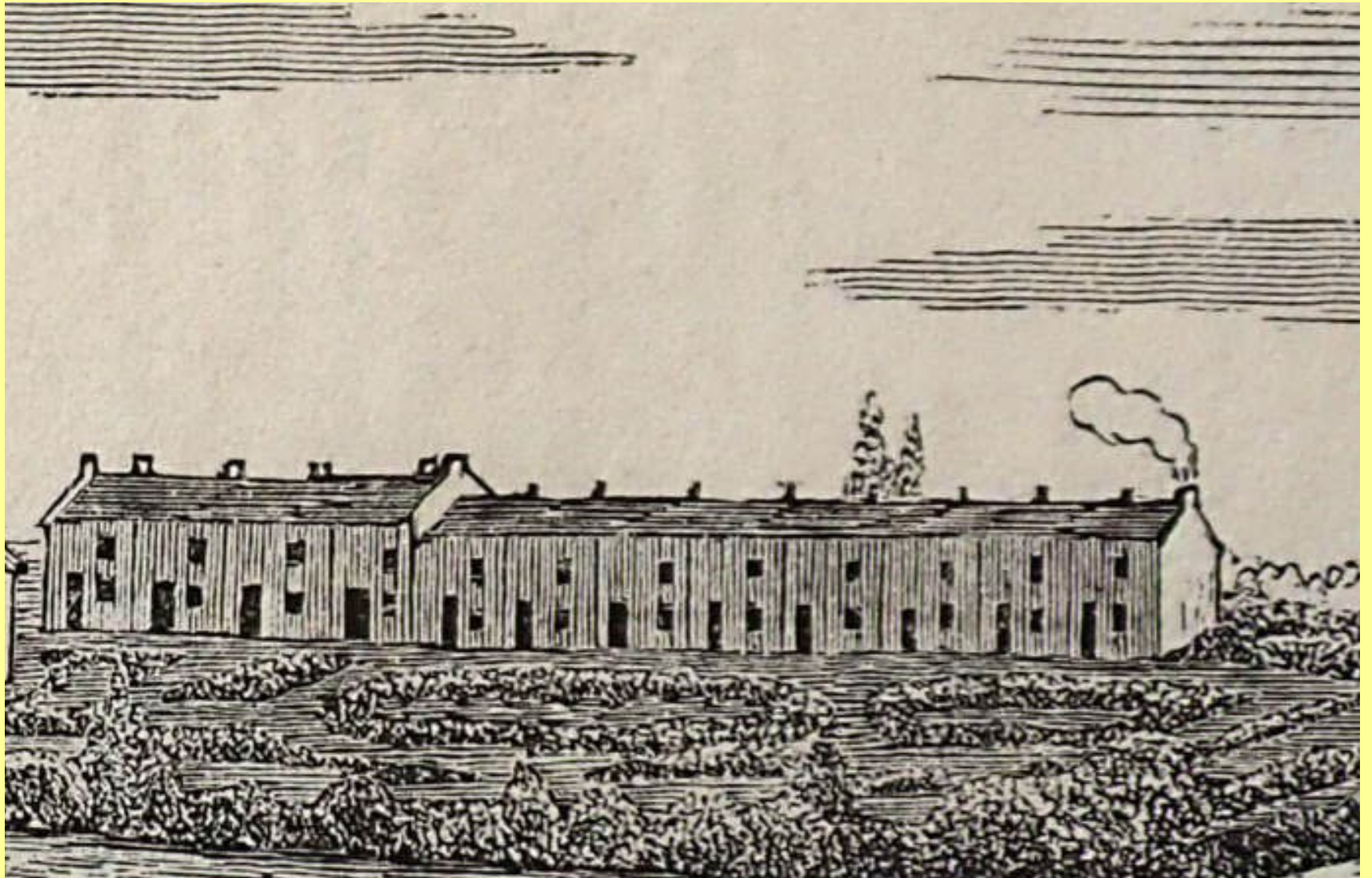














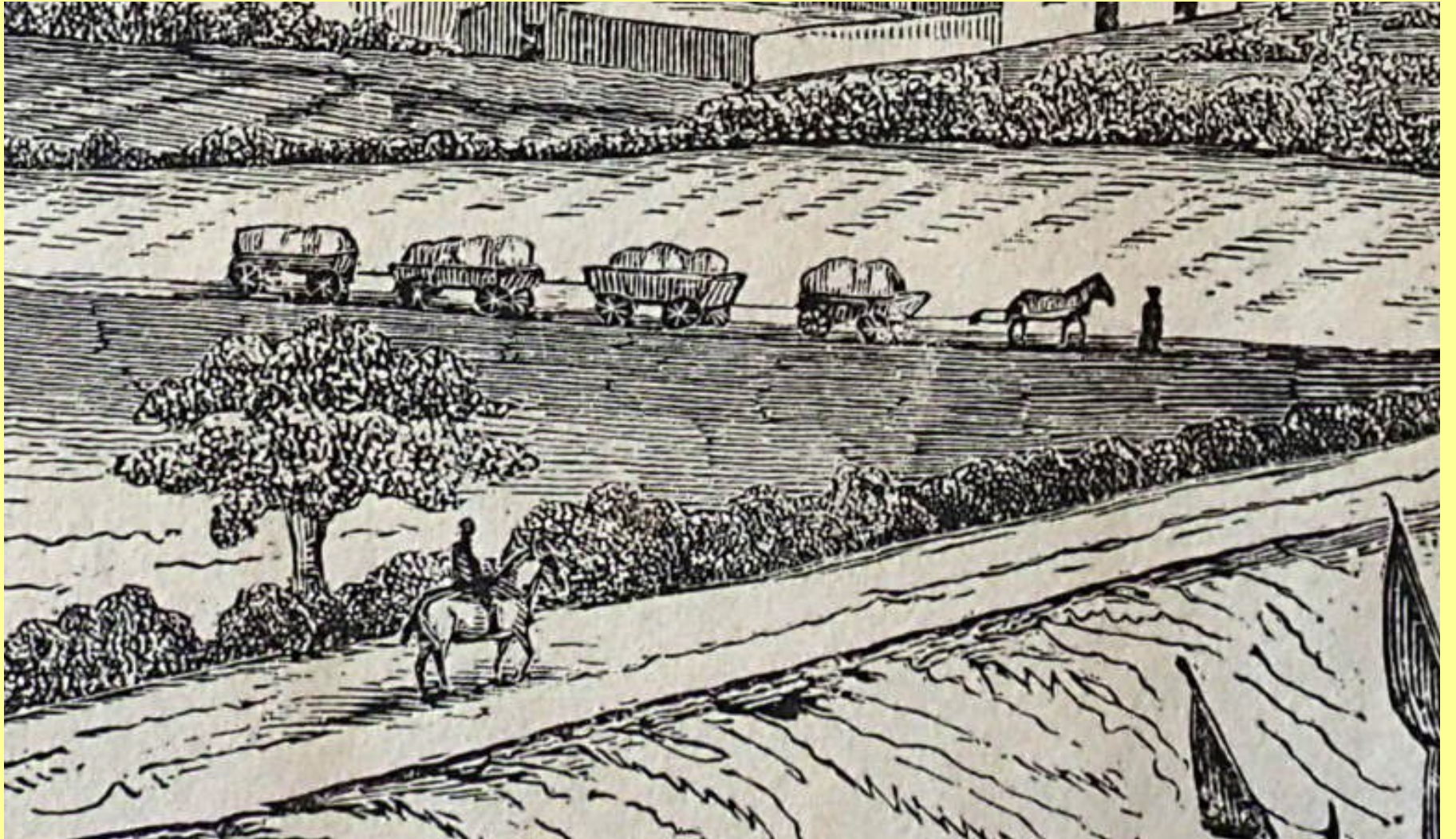


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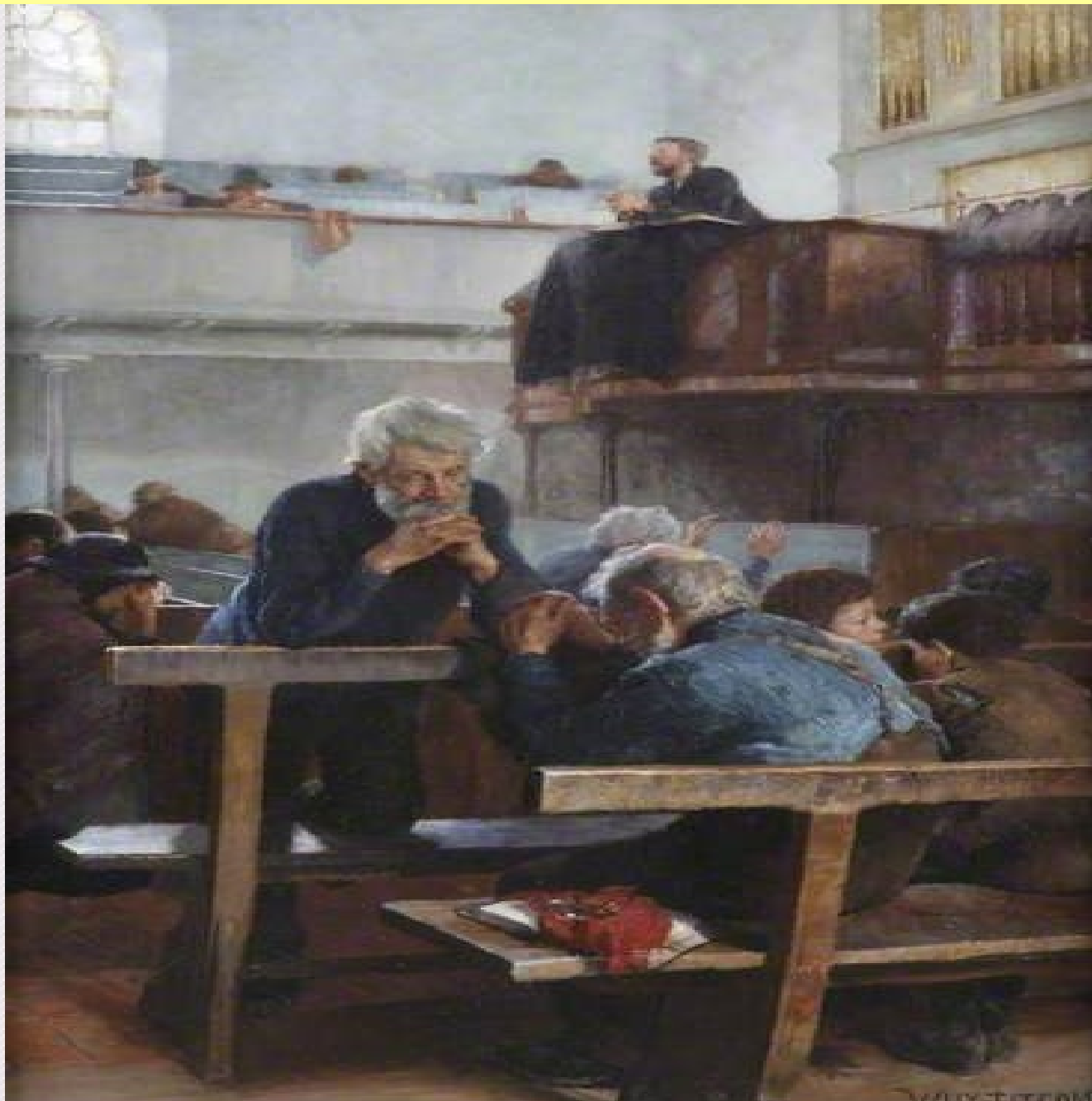




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advice and encouragement, I met with the most determined and bitter opposition from all, with the exception of Mr. Owen, Mr. Green, and two or three others—the consequence was, that through the representation that practical operations would be commenced in a few weeks by the ‘National Friendly Society,’—the best members of the various branches declined joining our establishment. I was forced to receive such as would come; most of them penniless in pocket, and bankrupt in moral qualifications; incurring me great sums in their expenses, and creating much unpleasant feelings by the vulgarity of their manners and immorality of proceedings. To attempt to carry out our objects with such discordant elements, would have been the acme of absurdity. I therefore saw it advisable that these parties should return to their former state of society, until arrangements are made, by which we can more effectually operate upon them. That such parties should, when they returned to old associations, make out the best tale they could is not to be wondered at, nor need you be surprised, that their relations, absurd as they are, should be listened to with the greatest avidity by our opponents. Let us bear in mind, that with few exceptions, the approbation of the old world is not worth receiving; and your present elevated position enables you to look down in perfect security, with a smile of pity on the malignant attacks of Lillipution minds, unable to appreciate any thing beyond the calibre of their circumscribed capacity. Instead of experiencing feelings of anger towards those wretched victims of old vicious influences, let us exert ourselves the more to destroy the system which has





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*stertorous*. I requested her to walk to a chair near the door. In rising she fell forwards and struck her nose *violently against the bed-post*, still it did not alter the features of the deep sleep. I now pressed (*sharply* too) with each forefinger on *Combativeness*, and felt my fingers slip over the raw surface induced by two blisters she had applied. Her legs were easily made rigid by longitudinal passes. She also shewed the attractive power for her mesmeriser and repulsion towards strangers. It took some time to demesmerise her, and whatever position she was in she would be cataleptic. She got up and walked towards the door and told us she should do, and while rubbing her eyes instantly fell asleep, and we had no power to *pull* them from her face.

10th. Mr. Hodson mesmerised her through the door without her knowledge. The pain has not returned since I operated the second time.

13th. Met Mr. Hodson at a friend's to-day the other side of Wisbech, says Mrs. Marreit is quite well, her spirits better than they have been a long time.

Mr. Hodson has mesmerised this patient many times, and can produce the sleep in the next room even while others are in conversation with her. On the 13th of May, I was at the colony, when Mr. Hodson went out and mesmerised her through the wall; on his return he catalepted the extremities, and applied a piece of burning charcoal to her hand without any indication of pain: this was in the presence of Mr. Raper, farmer of Cone, near St. Ives, and his friend, Mr. Butcher, who accompanied him. I then took the subject, and speaking to her through the epigastrium told her to get up and go to the wash tub, (she being at the tub when we asked her to be mesmerised.) She got up and felt for the soap and continued her hands in the water, always leaving off when I withdrew my mouth from the epigastrium. She then followed me through a passage into the yard, and on her return I gave her a needle and thread to sew; she tried to sew but felt fatigued. All this time the breathing was *stertorous*, as it was the first time I mesmerised her.

## *Acute Rheumatism.*

William Strickel, aged nine years, brother to the boy I cured of paralysis, whose case is recorded in *The Zoist* for



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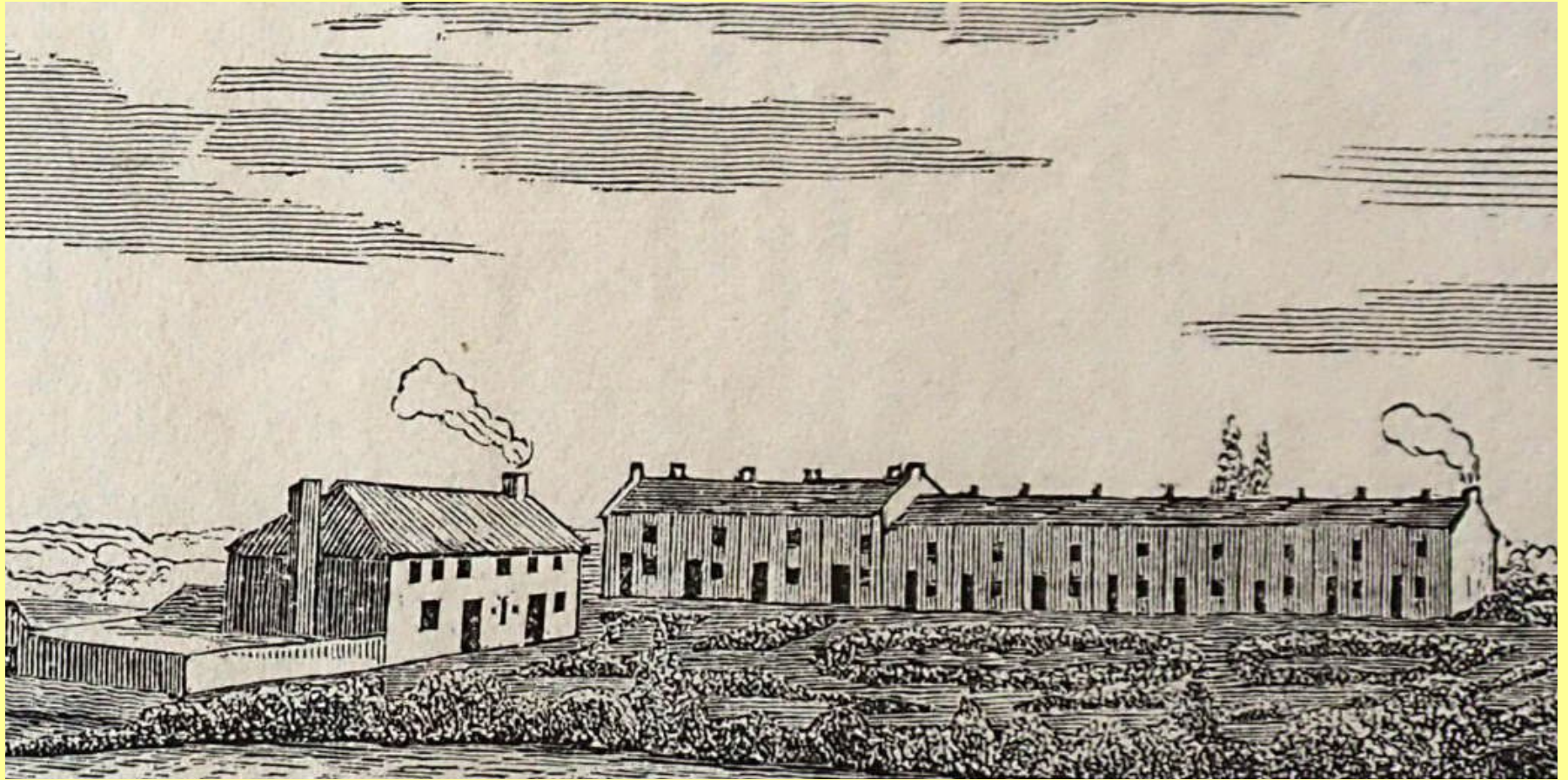
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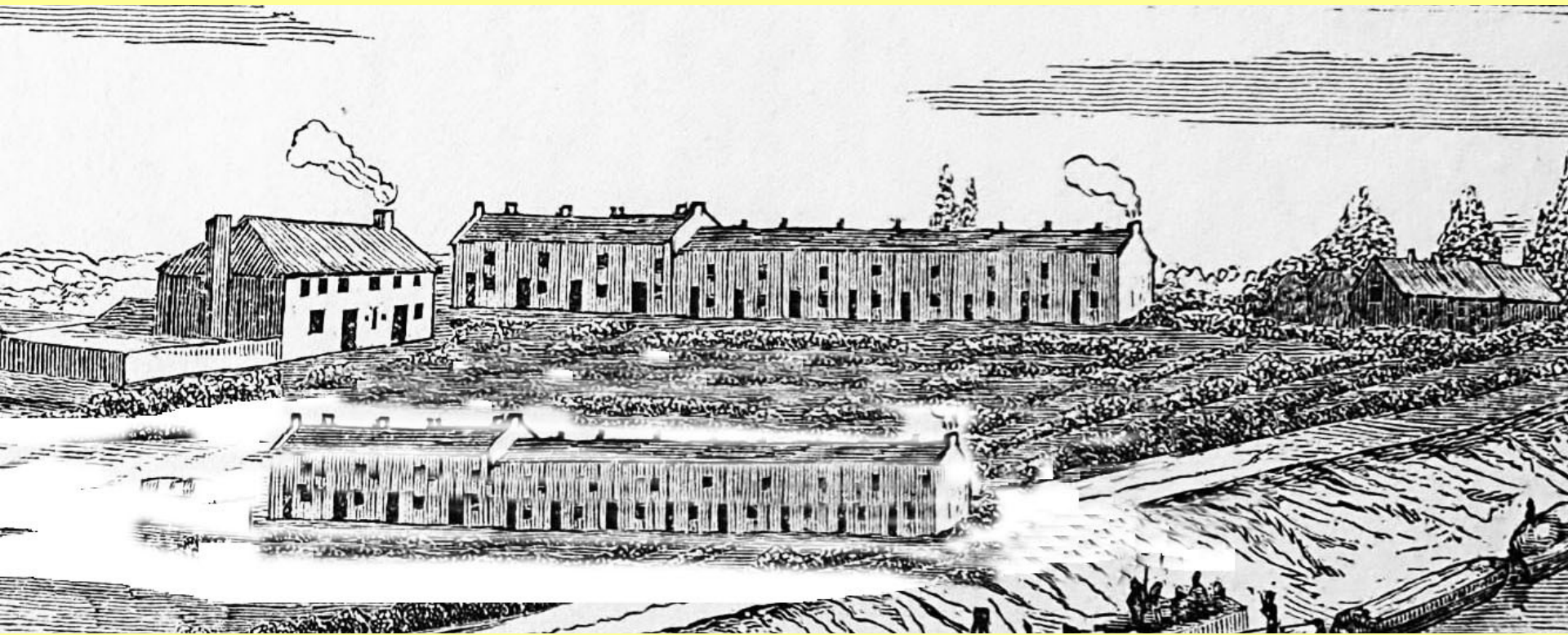
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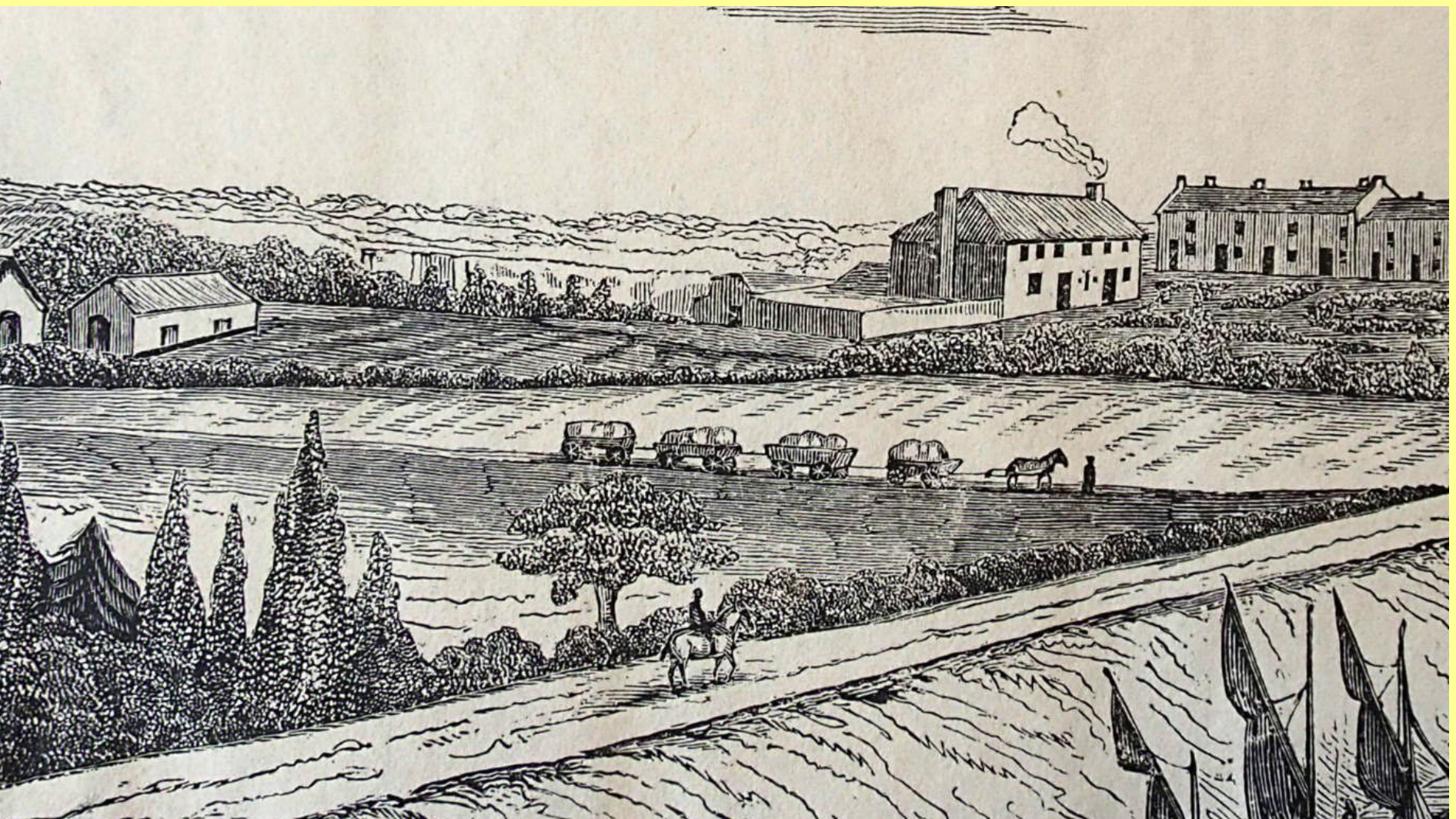














## PROCEEDINGS DURING THE WEEK.

HODSONIAN COMMUNITY, TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1840.

The usual detail of our weekly labours and proceedings now claims its notice at our hands.

### THE CLASSES

The *Chemical Class* has now compiled regulations for its management, which we hope will be found to ensure its satisfactory progress. At a meeting held in the School Room, on Tuesday evening the 24th, the subjoined resolutions were agreed to:—

- 1.—That the following individuals form themselves into a Class, for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of the science of Chemistry:—Robt. Slingsby, Thos. Green, David Butler, Wm. Cutting, Geo. Dunn, Jas. Thompson, Thos. Doughty, Wm. Hodson, Wm. Freestone, and W. P. Throsby.
- 2.—That Mr. Dunn be the Secretary of the Class.
- 3.—That Mr. Throsby be the Curator of the Laboratory.
- 4.—That the following be the rules of the Class:—

That this Class be divided into sections, consisting more than twelve, and not less than six, members.

The admission of members to take place on the first day in every month.

All persons desirous of becoming members shall make application to the Secretary, and shall be balloted for in the Class, and not be elected unless a majority of the members then present agree to it.

Any person absenting himself from the class for two successive evenings shall cease to be a member, unless his absence be caused by illness or temporary non-residence in the Community.

- 5.—That Section A meet in the Laboratory on Tuesday evenings, at seven o'clock, and close at ten.
- 6.—That the duties of the Secretary shall be to receive applications for membership, record the names of those present who take part in the proceedings, and register the subject of each evening's enquiry.
- 7.—That no person, not a member, be admitted to the meeting of a Section, unless introduced by a member, and his admission be agreed to by a majority of the members then present.
- 8.—That a general meeting of members be held on the first Tuesday in July, October, January, and April, when a report shall be presented by the Secretary from the whole of the Sections.

This Class being now organized, and having the superintendence of an able and efficient member, together with the advantages of a well-appointed Laboratory, will, we trust, proceed with spirit and effect. The first section will soon be increased, so that a second must be formed.

The *Evening School* for all on the Establishment, has been held twice since Tuesday evening, the 24th. Average attendance six.



PARISH OF COVENEY.  
CHAPELRY OF MANEA.

SCHOOL

The earliest document produced relating to the property of the above school was an extract from a copy of the court-roll of the manor of Manca (or Maney), by which it appeared that on the 31st of December 1753, the lords of the said manor granted a commonable messuage or tenement in Manca, with a close of pasture and right of colliery, and the appurtenances, which premises had been seized into the hands of the said tenant, to the use of Thomas Neal, John Cross, and three others, in trust, for the poor of the parish of Manca aforesaid, and accordingly.

On the 24th of May 1796, John Cross, the surviving trustee, conveyed the premises to the Rev. Matthew Robinson, John Cross the younger, John Cross the son of the said John Cross the younger, John Cross the younger, Robert Whitting, Matthew Oliver, and John Hamlyn, in trust, for the inhabitants of the parish of Manca, and subject to the trusts in a certain writing, signed by such trustees, and filed upon the 24th of May 1796, and such further and other trusts as should from time to time be made, and the part of the present and future trustees, with the approbation of the successors.

The writing thus referred to contains several articles for the regulation of the school, viz., That there should be eight trustees, in whom the charity should be vested; that a treasurer should be annually appointed; that when the treasurer should die, or otherwise, to a number less than five, the trustees should elect as many more as would make up the number of eight; that every new appointment of trustees the Rector of Covey with the Bishop of Ely should be visitor of the charity; that there should be a school-house, and a place of residence for a schoolmaster, and a school for poor children, to be nominated by the trustees; that the schoolmaster should be able to repair out of the revenues arising from the said trust, and that the same should be disposed of to charitable purposes in the said hamlet.

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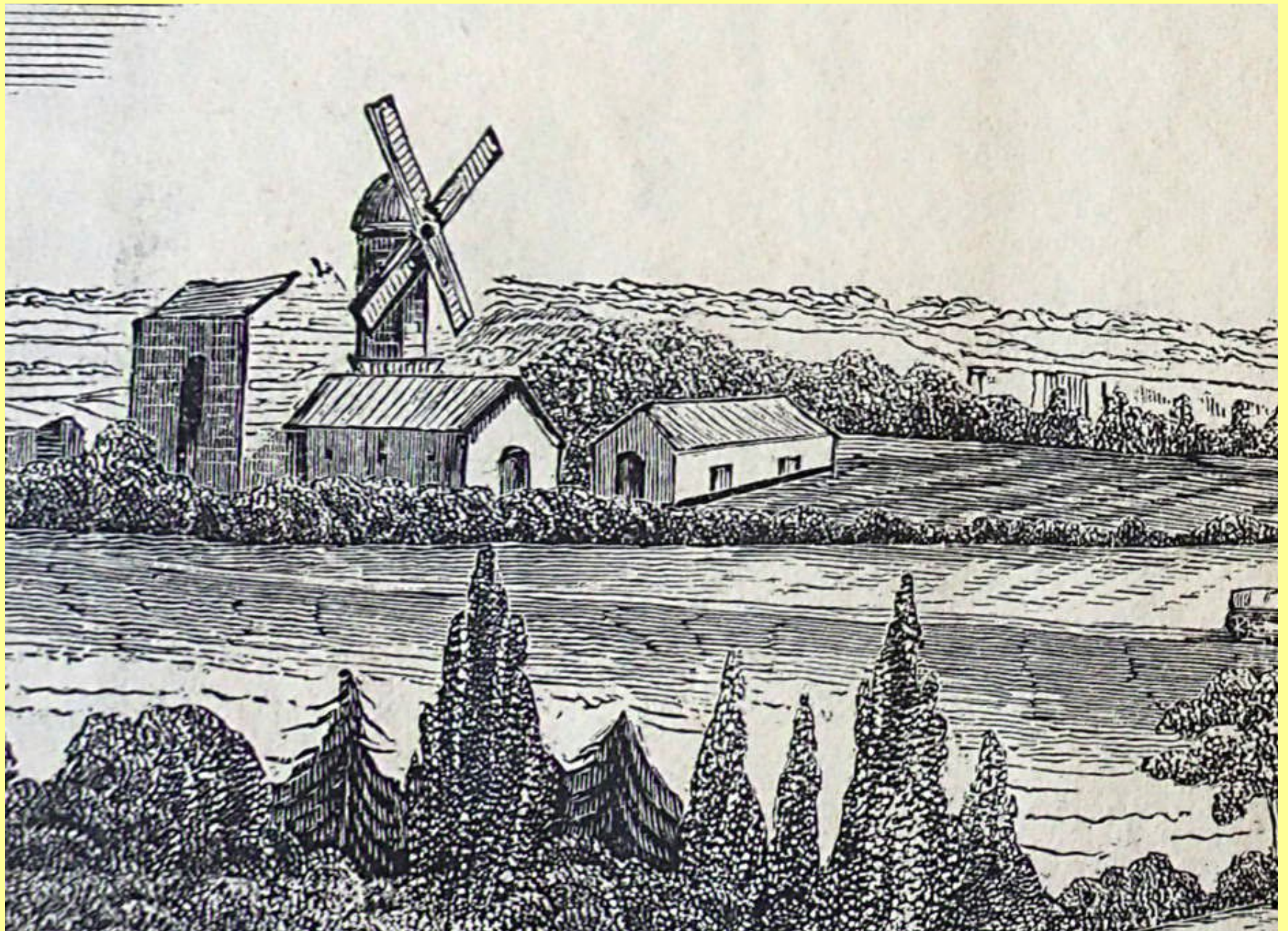
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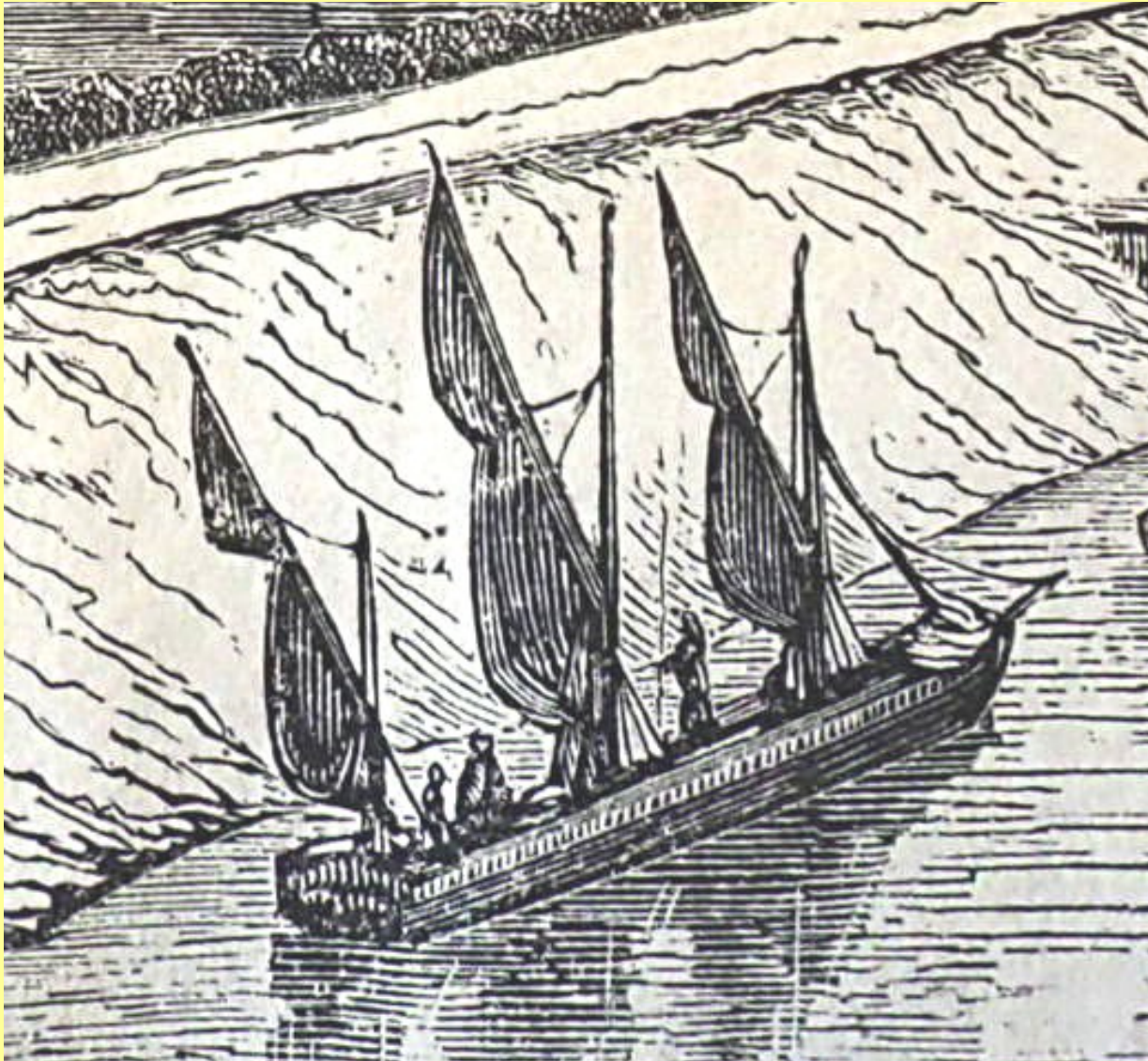


















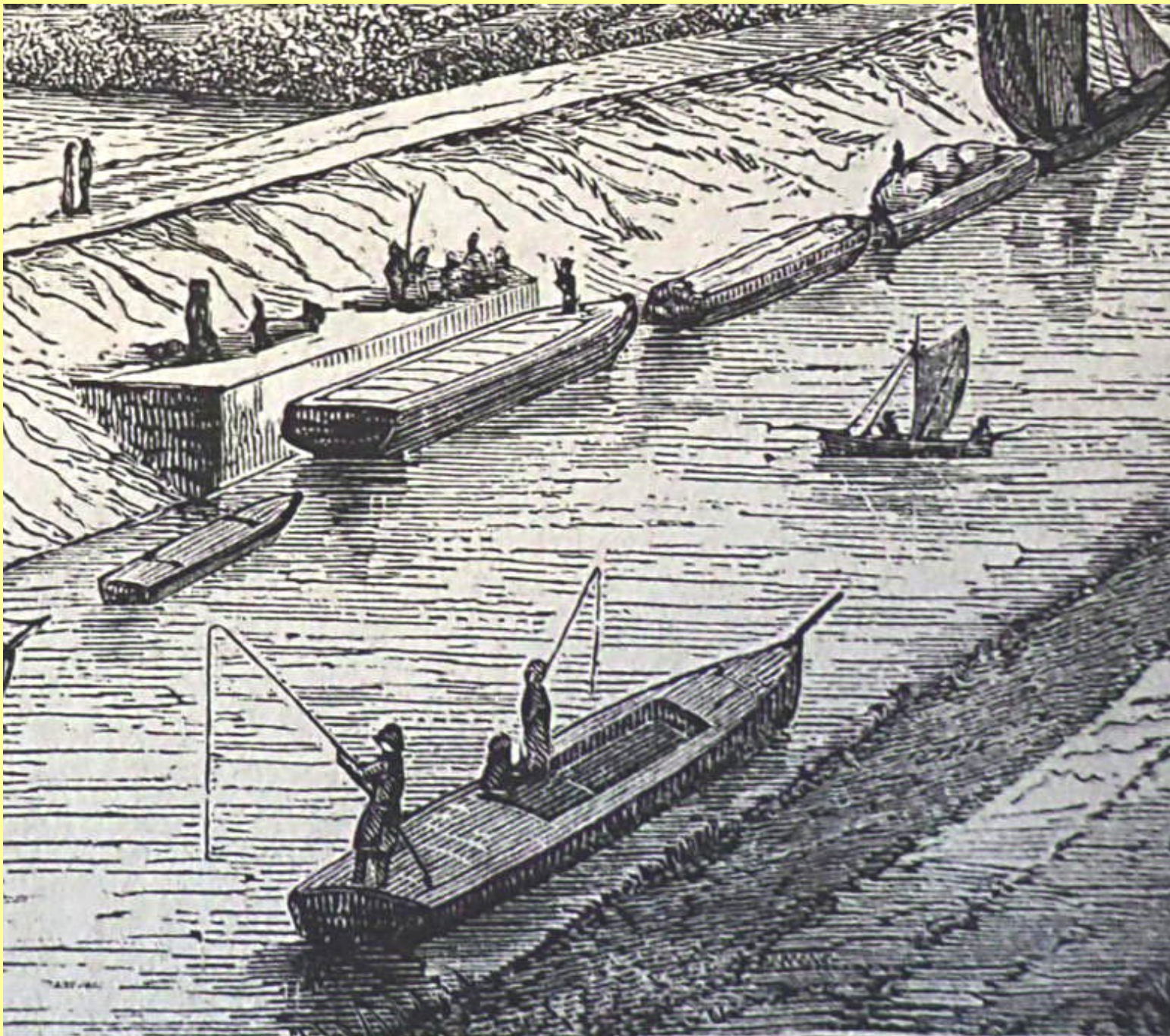
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### **Towards Pant Glas**

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The marriage question has been a subject on which our opponents have either mis understood, or wilfully mis-represented us. They have made me to say that I am for promiscuous intercourse of the sexes. To this, I say no. The union of affection must form all our happy unions; but let them be unions of affection, and of affection purely. Whenever affections cease, there can be no greater cruelty or injustice inflicted on individuals, than forcing them to live together. The sending for some females from Manchester, I dare say led some individuals to the remarks they have made. They were not aware that the purest motives actuated me to rescue them from a society that has hitherto shown them little comfort.

From the experience I have received since I first commenced this community, in the various attacks made upon me, I feel justified in advising you in all your operations, to be guided







**Guilty.**—Attorney for the prisoners, Mr. WM. CLAXTON.

**THE ASSAULT CASE AT THE MANEA COLONY.**—**THE QUEEN v. WM. HODSON AND THOMAS GOLDING**—The two defendants were charged with an assault upon Mrs. Maria Ward, the wife of a compositor, residing in the colony. It appears that two or three years ago, a Society was established in Manea Fen, called the Hodsonian Community, in compliment to the president and founder, Mr. Hodson. The object was, to carry out the principles of Mr. Robert Owen, the well-known Socialist; and at one time there were a hundred members, consisting of every variety of trade-men. A publication was also established in the Colony, called the *Working Bee*—which was the organ of their principles. It appeared that the married people lived together in cottages, and the single ones had separate rooms allotted to them, over which they possessed sole control. All went on smoothly for a time, but a dispute arose between them, and some months ago the Society dwindled down to less than twenty. Mr. Hodson, finding his object fail, thought it then advisable to dissolve the Community; but others were of a different opinion, and hence arose the present dispute.

Mr. HUDDLESTONE appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. PRYME for the defence.

Mr. PRYME applied to the Court to traverse the trial till the next sessions, on account of the absence of a material witness for the defence, who was attending the petty sessions, in West Norfolk.

The Magistrates left the Court to consider the point; upon their return, the CHAIRMAN said that they had decided that the trial was to proceed.

Mr. HUDDLESTONE then stated the case to the jury. He said that Mr. Hodson was a farmer, at Manea, and was the head of a Community bearing his name; it had been the desire of some of the members to break up the Society, while others were opposed to it. He should prove to them that Mr. Hodson went into a house occupied by the prosecutrix, and charged her with using his turf, and then seized her by the wrists and pulled her about in a very harsh manner. But the whole facts would be better elicited from the poor woman herself. She would prove to them from the injuries she sustained, that she was compelled to keep in bed for several days. The defence was in the hands of his learned friend Mr. Pryme, but what he could urge in justification of the outrage, he was at a loss to know; probably, he would dwell upon the absence of "their material witness;" he (Mr. Huddlestons) would have been very glad to have seen him there; but he much questioned if the defendants would have placed him in the box. He should not press the case against the defendants



*Magic.*—The Great Wizard of the West, is now amusing the inhabitants of this town, by his extraordinary illusions and tricks. He is certainly a most "cunning chiel," and his performance is well worth witnessing. To night is announced as the last of his exhibition.

*Socialism.*—The attempt by Mr. Hodson to establish 'a colony' in **Manea** Fen, in this county, to be called the Hodsonian Community, has entirely failed. The community, after existing some two or three years, is now broken up, by mutual consent, and the materials used in printing the "*Working Bee*," the organ of the colonists, are advertised to be sold.

*State of the Roads.*—Never were the roads in a worse state than they are at this time. The frost, from its long continuance, had penetrated to a considerable depth, and the sub-

DANIEL BALLS, J warden. | W. WILSON, J seers.

#### NOTICE.

**T**HE late Friendly Society, called the "**Manea** Fen Colony," having been legally dissolved, Mr. WILLIAM HODSON is desirous of discharging all his private debts; all persons having demand upon him are therefore requested to forward the particulars thereof to us forthwith.

BARLEY and WISE, Solicitors.

March, Feb. 16, 1841.

been from half an hour to an hour beyond the usual time.



into execution the above Act, will be held at the Griffin Inn, in March, in the isle of Ely, in the county of Cambridge, on FRIDAY, the 12th day of March next, at twelve o'clock at noon, to pass the Annual Accounts, to lay the Tax for the year ensuing, and to transact such other business as may be thought necessary.

RICHARD ORTON,

*March 24th, 1841.*

Clerk to the Commissioners.

### CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC.

**A**N Advertisement having appeared in last week's Paper, stating that the **Manes** Fen Society was dissolved, *Notice is hereby given*, that the HODSONIAN COMMUNITY SOCIETY, (advertised as the **Manes** Fen Society) is NOT LEGALLY DISSOLVED. I hereby caution all persons from purchasing any of the Printing Materials, or any other property of the Society, or entering into any agreement respecting the Land, (which we have on a Lease of twenty-one years) until the law proceedings, now pending between Mr. Hodson and ourselves, are terminated.—Signed on behalf of the Society, J. D. DAVIDGE, Trustee.

*Hodsonian Community, Feb. 25, 1841.*

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TO M. L. SEARS, MINISTER'S CHURCHWARDEN,  
MANEA

MY DEAR SIR,—Your letter in the *Cambridge Independent Press* I read. I find, upon enquiry, that the report of my election as parish churchwarden was correct, and that your father was nominated but not seconded, but what signifies it whether he was nominated or not? This difference of opinion does not justify you in the illiberal remarks which you have thought proper to make.

You state that Messrs. Barnes and Hiam were of my way of thinking; in this you were correct, for we thought that father and son ought not to be churchwardens for the parish of Manea.

Pray, my dear sir, what occasion had you to represent the party, who attended the election, as returning in triumph to a public-house, to do honor to the new churchwarden?

What triumph could there be? Dispensing with your father's services. Was this a triumph to achieve? If you think so, we differ in our estimation of the object of triumph.

It is true we retired to a public-house, (several of us being at a distance from home), a house where we farmers have spent many a happy hour, when business and other pursuits have called us thither, and amongst that happy number has frequently been your father.

Let me ask you, was it not better to regale ourselves at an adjoining inn rather than, in going home, to stop by the way side? Remember, that those who have glass-houses should be careful in throwing stones.

Your attack upon me as an anti-christian must go for nothing. I shall endeavour to prove myself otherwise in my office of churchwarden by refusing to collect rates from the Dissenters, for the support of a religion, they may conscientiously differ with. I say, let every tub stand upon its own bottom. I hold it anti-christian for any party to compel others of a contrary way of thinking, to support their notions—therefore, I am an enemy to church-rates.

I am aware that you, with many others, will say, church-rates are charged upon land and houses—not levied upon Dissenters—consequently we ought to abide by them. I admit we both buy and hire land and houses subject to rates and taxes. This is no argument in favour of continuing them, any more than our hiring or buying land full of weeds, and houses full of rats; we get them both cheaper in consequence of the vermin. &c., yet we labor to get rid of them—just so with church-rates—they are equally troublesome.

This charge, and many others, I shall endeavour to remove

1 May 1841

To Mr. Wm. Hodson, President of the Manea Socialists.

MY DEAR SIR,—In your letter, addressed to me in the last number of the *Independent Press*, you are pleased to term my plain statement of facts, with regard to your election to the office of churchwarden, as illiberal.

I observe, however, that as you proceed you do me the justice to confirm, with one trivial exception, all that I have advanced.

Now, my dear Sir, do not think that, by sounding a flourish against church-rates, that you can make this a church-rate question, and so identify yourselves with Dissenters *versus* Church. I beg that it may be distinctly understood, that I have not, and never had a quarrel with Dissenters, on account of diversity of opinion. Indeed, I number among them some of my nearest friends.

You ask, what harm is there regaling at a public-house, &c. I answer, in the act itself, none at all; but, forgive me, Sir, if in your eyes I should appear illiberal, when I say (and I think that all true Churchmen and Dissenters are with me), that there is the greatest possible harm to be expected, when any denomination of men, professing Christianity, so far sacrifice their principles at the shrine of their evil passions, as to elect a man to a high office in the Church, who has attempted to ridicule all that a Christian holds most sacred.

You are aware, that if this place had been polled, that you would not have had a shadow of a chance to fill the office which you now hold; and some of those who, in momentary anger, supported you, are, I trust and believe, heartily ashamed of what they have done.

Trusting that you may be led to see the error of your ways,

I am, my dear Sir, your well-wisher,

Manea, May 5th, 1841.

M. L. SEARS.

N.B.—Leaving the public to judge how far I have acted

## **THE MANEA AND WELNEY DISTRICT DRAINAGE ENGINE.**

On Tuesday last, the above Steam Engine, of 60-horse power, was first set to work in the presence of the Commissioners and a numerous and respectable assemblage of farmers and others, who were interested in the Drainage of the Lands in the District. To the great gratification of all parties, the Engine did its work in a masterly manner. After having thoroughly inspected the works, the Commissioners adjourned to the Lamb and Flag Inn, Welney, where an excellent dinner was provided, to which ample justice was done. The engine was named "The Major," in compliment to Major Lee.

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## ISLE OF ELY.

### MARCH FARMERS' CLUB.

A highly-instructive lecture on chemistry, as applied to agriculture, was delivered on Thursday evening, March the 14th, at the Assembly room, Griffin Inn, by Mr. Hodson, of March Fen; and whether we consider the vast amount of new matter introduced—the force with which it was applied—or its consistency with the unerring laws which point towards truth in all scientific investigations,—we must arrive at the same conclusion, that it was *highly instructive*.

The lecturer began by taking a rapid but clear retrospect of husbandry for the last half century—dwelt with considerable force on the happy contrast which the modern farmer forms in point of knowledge with him of fifty years ago—demonstrated the agency of science in elevating his character—and contended that the practical employment of chemistry was alone wanting to make agriculture the most interesting, attractive, and lucrative of professions; “for what,” said he, “can be more desirable for beings endowed with mind—what can be better calculated to reconcile those beings to their monotonous life, than for them to look into the cause and effect of those various changes which the operation of natural laws produce, from day to day, on the farm they cultivate, and from which they derive their sustenance?”

He next gave a minute and systematic analysis of the different manures—exhibited their relative fertilizing principles—showed how that principle might be fixed, and remain available to the farmer—gave rules for their application to the various kinds of soil; and, after recommending for their adoption an economical system of fattening stock, on the principle of mixing the articles of food, he closed the lecture after a very spirited address.

The members of the March Farmers' Club may be justly proud of numbering such a man as Mr. Hodson among their members.—(*From a Correspondent.*)

**ELY.—Sudden Death.**—On Tuesday evening, aged 64, Mr. Christopher Legge, auctioneer, of Ely, died very suddenly. At seven o'clock he was walking in the street:

*bourhood*, and arranged with much taste, whose brilliancy of colouring, and beauty of form, impressed us with a conviction, unhappily but too seldom entertained, that while the bright and beautiful denizens of our gardens are not undeserving of notice, "neither," (to use an apt quotation of the lecturer's) "are the flowers which Britain calls her own, few or unlovely."—[The above arrived too late for insertion last week.]

**DODDINGTON.**—Mr. William Hodson, of **Manea**, had a narrow escape on Wednesday last. It appears that Mr. Hodson had attended the meeting of the Guardians, he being a member of the board, and had mounted his horse to return home; in passing through one of the gates, the horse, by some unaccountable accident, caught himself in the side, by the fastening of the gate, about the fourth or fifth rib, and rushing forward, literally, we are informed, ripped himself up; the intestines protruding. The horse immediately fell, and soon afterwards died on the spot. Mr. Hodson, with great presence of mind quickly disengaged himself from the dying animal, and fortunately escaped uninjured.

**WISBECH.**—*A Jack not to be caught.*—A somewhat ludicrous incident occurred during the grave execution of the law, on Friday evening, last week. A fight was going on in the Old Horse Fair, at which there was a large concourse of persons, and amongst them many bad characters, and it being apprehended that further disorder would occur, the police were directed to take



of September next.

The Letting to commence at Half past One o'clock.

*Superior FREEHOLD FARM, Ten HOUSES, FARM BUILDINGS, BRICK YARD, Kilns, Drying Sheds, &c. in MANEA, in the ISLE of ELY.*

To be SOLD by AUCTION,  
By C. BATES,

At the Griffin Inn in March, on Friday the 1st day of May next, between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock in the Evening, subject to such conditions of sale as will be then and there produced,

**152** Acres (more or less) of very superior FREEHOLD Adventurers' FEN LAND, situate and being in MANEA FEN, in the Isle of Ely, with commodious Farm-house and Out-buildings, and Nine Brick and Slated Tenements contiguous thereto, and including the Brick-yards, Kilns, Drying Sheds, Brew-house, and Farm and other Buildings, as the same are now, or late were, in the occupation of Mr. Wm. Hodson.

The capabilities of the Brick-yard, its contiguity to the old Bedford River (which affords a navigation to all the principal towns in this and the adjacent counties), the good quality of the land, and its perfect drainage, combined, make the above a most desirable investment for a capitalist or man of business: the former may obtain good interest for his money, and the latter, in addition, a handsome business profit.

Printed particulars and conditions of sale may shortly be had, on application to the Auctioneers, or Messrs. Barley and Wise, solicitors, March.

March, April 1, 1846.

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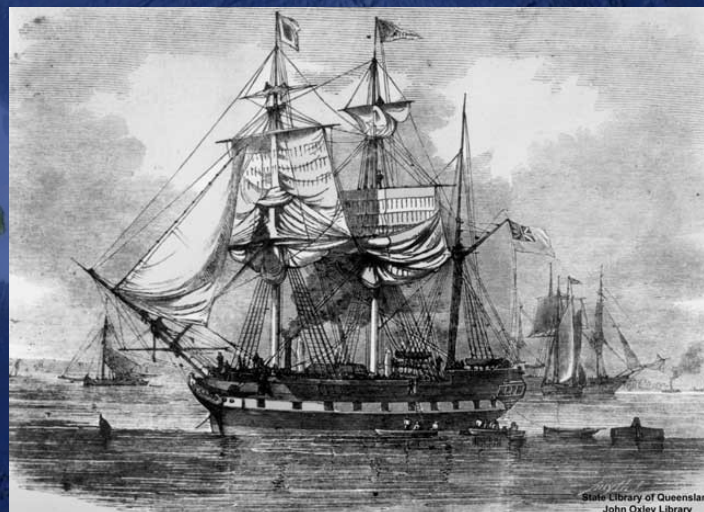


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Rock County, Wisconsin was started in 1837... glowing descriptions of the beauty and the fertility of the country was spread by fighters in the Black Hawk wars. As soon as it was safe emigrants pushed West from Lake Michigan





- ***William Hodson in American censuses***

- **1850**

•	Rock, Wisconsin			value of estate	
•	Hodson				
•	William	42	M	brewer	\$2000
•	Sarah	42	F		
•	John	19	M		
•	William	16	M		
•	Charles	13	M		
•	Sarah	10	F		
•	Maria	07	F		

- **1860**

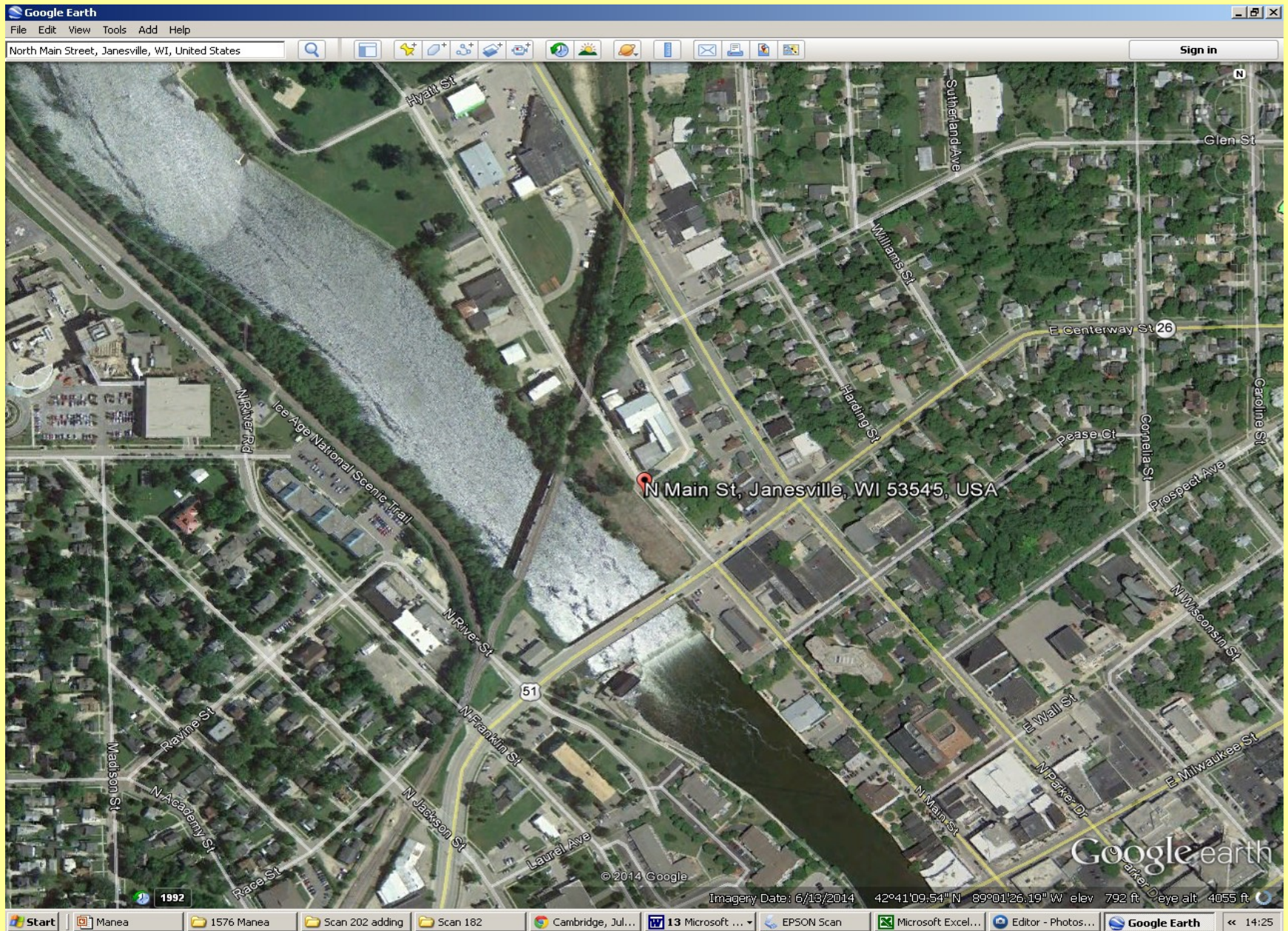
•	Turtle, Rock, Wisconsin				
•	Hodson				
•	William	52	M	Flour master	
•	Sarah	50	F		
•	John R	29	M	Flour master	\$20,000
•	Charles M	24	M		
•	Sarah A	20	F		
•	Maria	17	F	at school	
•	Rumble, Sarah	20	F	domestic	
•	Griffin, Jos	24	M	labourer	

- **1870**

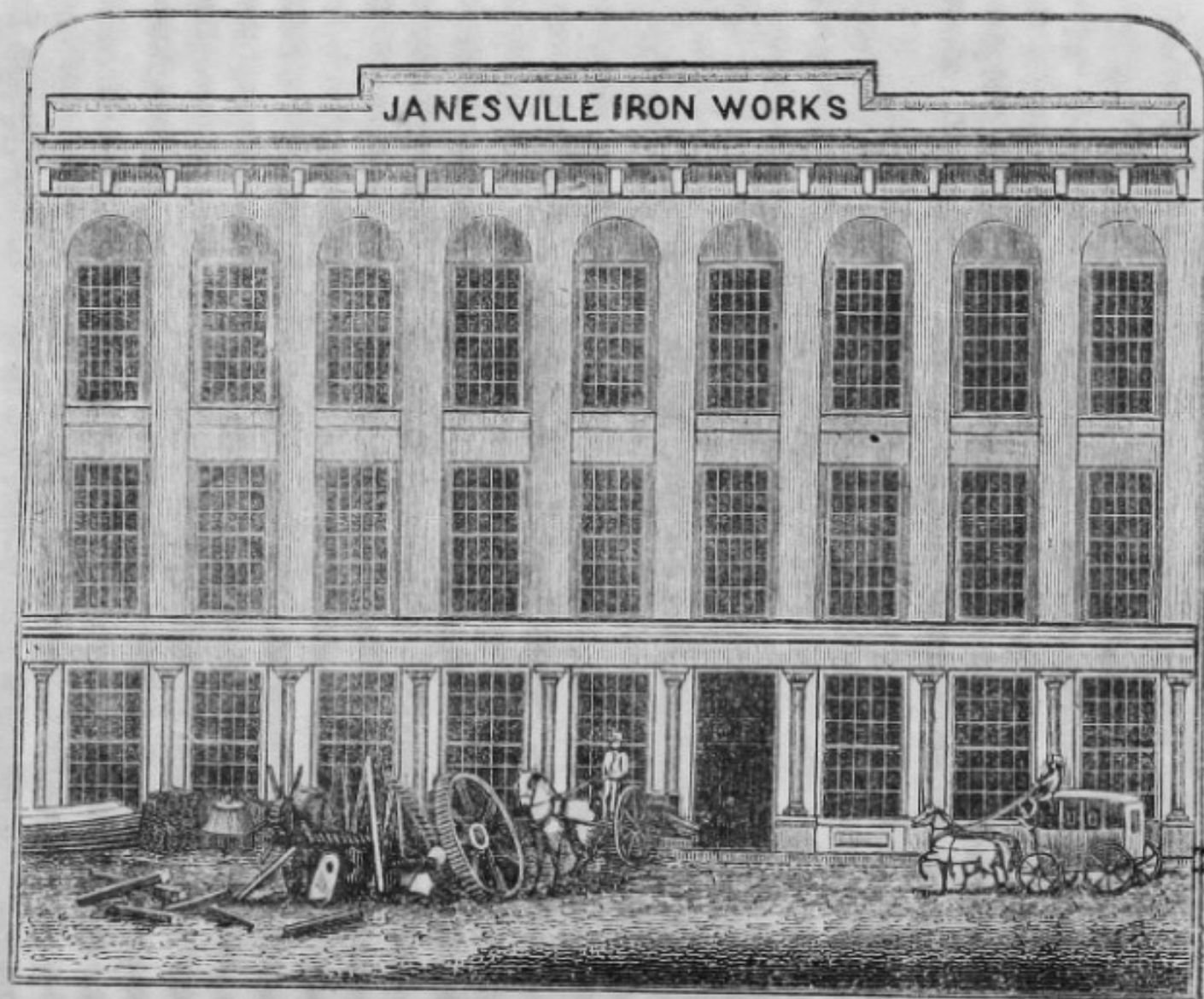
•	Rock, Wisconsin				
•	Hodson				
•	William	62	M	\$400	
•	Sarah	65	F	\$2,000	
•	Maria	26	F	\$400	
•	Burns, Lizzie	20	F	domestic servant	

- **1880**

•	Court Street, Janesville				
•	Hodson				
•	Charles M	41	M	millar	
•	Mary	35	F		
•	Jeanie	11			
•	Charles	3			
•	George	1			







Joseph H. Budd, Proprietor.

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**JANESVILLE BREWERY---**  
I want from eight to ten thousand bushels of  
good **BARLEY** for malting. Those parties  
who are barley growers will find the subscri-  
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one thing to-day, and quite another to-morrow. This is a very convenient system of political ethics for such a man—one that will admit of any latitude or interpretation or modification. It explains very satisfactorily the editor's various "phases" through such a long course of "*honest! consistent! and*" persevering devotion to the principles of democracy."

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☞ The Corporal thinks we have bestowed undue attention upon him.—We most readily admit the fact. But as to our having taken any pains to find out his political history, we emphatically deny the assertion. It is a matter of most

S. W. SMITH  
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**Wisconsin Reports: Cases  
Determined in the Supreme  
Court of Wisconsin, Volume 7**

By Wisconsin. Supreme Court, Abram Daniel  
Smith, Frederic King Conover, Frederick  
William Arthur

The defendants answered, admitting the execution of the mortgage by William Hodson and Sarah his wife, at the time and for the amount set forth in the bill. They deny, on information and belief, that subsequent to the mortgage, on the 29th day of September, 1851, or at any other time, the said William Hodson and wife made, executed, or delivered to said complainant a deed of said premises; and deny that such deed was duly recorded as alleged in the bill.

And further answering say, that they are informed and believe, and therefore charge the truth to be, that if any such deed was made and executed by the said William Hodson to the said complainant of said premises, as set forth in said bill, that the same was made without consideration, and for the purpose of covering up the property of the said William Hodson, and placing the same beyond the reach of his creditors; and for the purpose of cheating and defrauding his creditors; and that said complainant was a party to such fraudulent transactions, and had full knowledge of the object and purpose of said William Hodson as above set forth; and further aver, that such deed was made secretly, and the making and execution was kept secret with the intention and purpose on the part of the said complainant and the said William Hodson, to keep the same from the knowledge of the said Eliza A. Morgan, for the purpose of preventing a full and complete foreclosure of her said mortgage, and for the purpose of preventing a good and perfect title passing on and by virtue of the foreclosure of said mortgage to the person who might purchase the said premises at the sale ordered on the foreclosure



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1852. MOSES S. PRICHARD,

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Commissioner.

BENNETT & HUDSON, sol's for comp'l.

## IN CHANCERY—CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCK, IN EQUITY.

Eliza A. Morgan, vs William Hudson, Sarah  
Hudson, John Wing, Jr., Lester Sexton, and  
Loren Sexton.

**I**N pursuance of a decretal order of said circuit  
court in and for the county of Rock in chan-  
cery sitting, made in the above entitled cause  
on the 28th day of September A. D. 1852, will  
be sold by and under the direction of John M.  
Cass in said decree named commissioner for that  
purpose, at public auction at the Stevens House  
in the village of Janesville in said county, on  
the 20th day of November, A. D. 1852 at 2 o'  
clock p. m. of that day, all that certain piece  
parcel or tract of land situate lying and being  
in the village of Janesville, in the county of  
rock and state of Wisconsin, and known and  
distinguished as Block number two (2) is the  
said village of Janesville on the east side of the  
river containing about two acres. Dated Octo-  
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Commissioner.

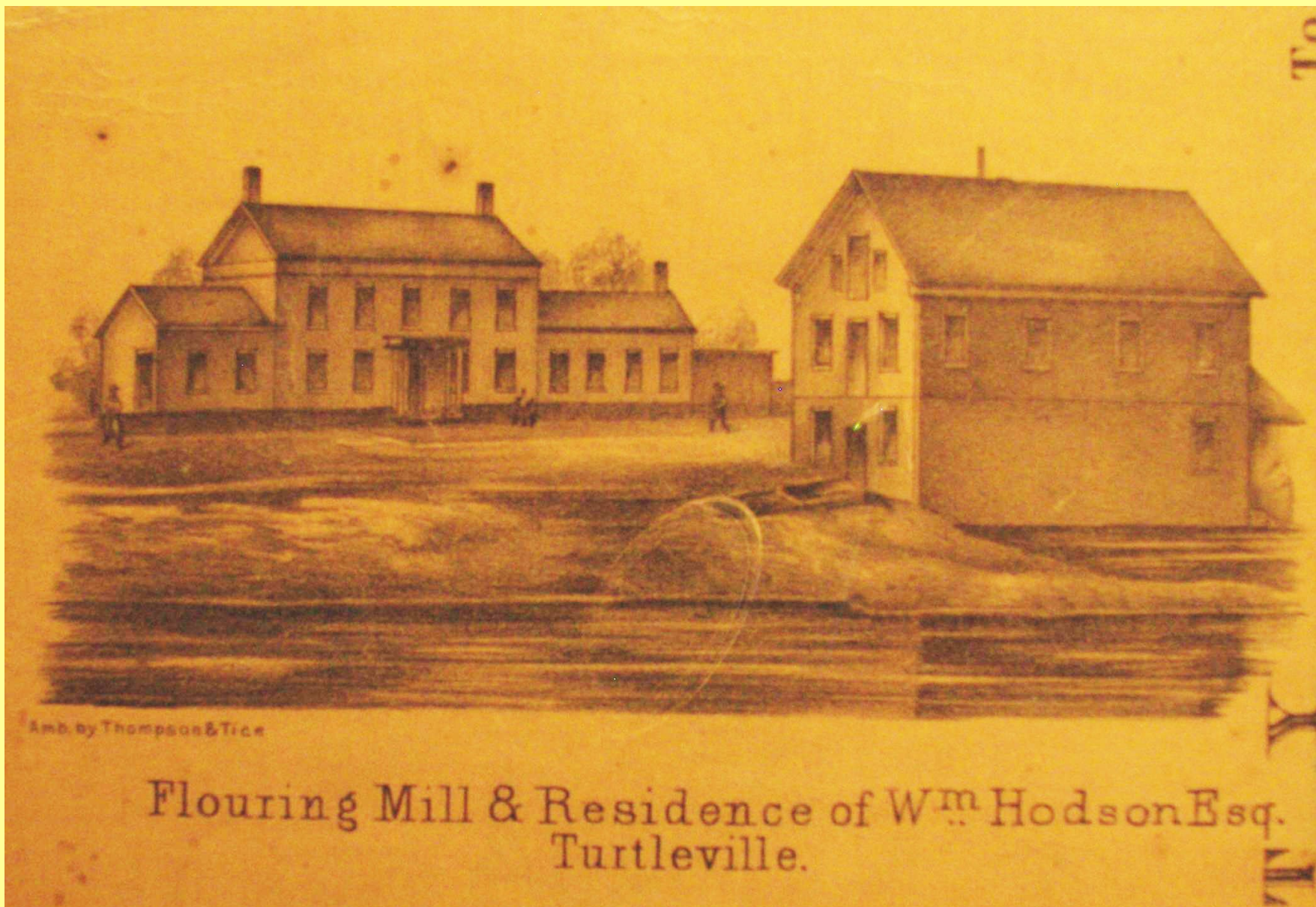
BENNETT & HUDSON, sol's for complainant.

CIRCUIT COURT FOR ROCK COUNTY, IN EQUITY.  
Charles D. Fitch, vs Peyton Russell and others.

**I**N pursuance of a decree of the circuit court  
in and for Rock county, in equity, made  
and entered in the above entitled cause, on the  
thirtieth day of September, A. D. 1852, will be  
sold at public auction by and under the direc-  
tion of the undersigned, a commissioner duly  
appointed by the said circuit court for that pur-  
pose, at the Court House in the village of Janes-  
ville on the 22nd day of November A. D. 1852  
at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all of the mort-

Guthrie Thompson, Edmund H.  
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Allen Richardson, Harlan Wright,  
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P. A. Older and Elias J. Fenton.

**I**N pursuance of a decretal order of  
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Dated October 5th, 1852.




Flouring Mill & Residence of W<sup>m</sup> Hodson Esq.  
Turtleville.



- In June 1858 the Janesville Gazette reported: An object of charity William Hodson, postmaster, is a mandate for the charity of his friends. His mill-dam has 'gin-out' under the high waters of the Turtle and he has been compelled to 'shut-up-shop' and is hanging about the streets of Janesville. But next week 'Wm Hodson is no longer an object of charity. His mill-dam has been repaired and his mill is going faster than usual to make up lost time.

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 Mr. William Hodson, formerly a resident of this city, has been appointed postmaster at Shopier, in this county. This appointment is under the new order of things, originated by our neighbors of the Standard, by which all "black republican" postmasters are to walk the plank, and none but approved "democrats" allowed to serve the people in even the humblest capacity. The town of Turtle, in which Shopier is the only post office, gave Fremont 231 votes, and Buchanan 46. How "the democracy" do allow the majority to rule!



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**Interesting Correspondence.**

We copy the following correspondence between two government officials, residing in this county, from the Milwaukee News:

JANESVILLE, WIS., July 10th, 1860.

DEAR SIR:—I shall be happy to meet you at my office, on Friday, the 17th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of consultation, with a view to a county organization of the friends of Breckinridge and Lane, and such other acts as may be suggested for the present and future success and welfare of the National democratic party and the Union.

Your obt't serv't, EZRA MILLER.

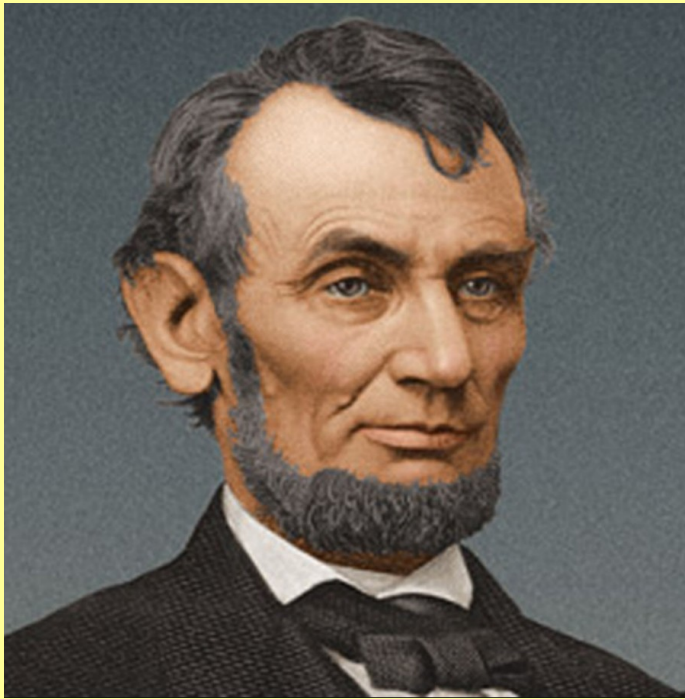
To Mr. Wm. Hodson.

The following is a copy of the reply of the worthy sage of Turtle Creek:

SHOPIERE, Aug. 11th, 1860.

COL. E. MILLER:

DEAR SIR:—I have just received your printed circular, requesting me to meet you at your Post Office in Janesville, in order to devise means for the support of Breckinridge and Lane. In reply to that circular, allow me to say, that I have, with the aid of several of my friends, computed my salary, and find that it amounts to just thirty-three cents per day. On such small pay I do not feel at all able to support Messrs. Breckinridge and Lane, more particularly, as my pay will not support me. I wish to remind you, that when I accepted the office of Postmaster of Shopiere, I did not sell myself to the Administration for 33 cents per day. Therefore, you may count me out of the list of sawning, sycophantic, administration office holders. Had I been Postmaster at Janesville, I do not think I should have interfered with the poor Postmasters in my district, but should have adopted the policy







THE UNITED STATES vs. HODSON.—We clip the following from the Milwaukee News, of yesterday which will be found of interest to our readers :

U. S. vs. Six FERMENTING TUBS.—This is a case against the distillery property of Wm. Hodson; at Turtleville, Rock county, for making false fraudulent returns from Sept., 1864, to April, 1866.

In October, 1864, an assessment of \$93,407 50 was made against Wm. Hodson for the amount of tax alleged to have been avoided during that time, by Henry Hadrnen, assessor at the second district at Madison; and about this time the distillery property was seized for forfeiture as a penalty. From this assessment Hodson appealed to the commissioner of internal revenue, and in January, 1868, his appeal was dismissed and the assessment of Hadrnen sustained.

About the 1st of January, 1868, Hodson filed a bill in the circuit court of the United States praying the court for an injunction against the collector of the second districts, Col. H. M. Lewis, restraining him from collecting the assessment. A temporary injunction was granted and still remains in force.

In this trial the government expects to show wherein Hodson's fraudulent returns consist and establish such proof that the distillery property not only will be forfeited, but the injunction restraining the assessment be dissolved.

A. B. Burpee, revenue inspector, was the first to prefer charges against Hodson, and through his efforts an information commencing these proceedings was filed by the United States district attorney.

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The government is represented by Thos. Hood, United States Attorney, Geo W. Lakin, deputy, and Hon. H. L. Palmer, and the defense by Matt. H. Carpenter, Esq.

Fifty or sixty witnesses are in attendance, and the case excites great interest from the amount involved and from the position and standing occupied by Mr. Hodson in Rock county.



Janesville Gazette 25 February 1868

## OLD SETTLERS' FESTIVAL. A LARGE ATTENDANCE. OLD SETTLERS' SOCIETY. THE SUPPER. TOASTS AND SPEECHES.

The festival of the old settlers of Rock county, which has been under discussion for some weeks, came off at the Myers House on Friday evening last. The committee who had the arrangements under supervision, discharged their duties so admirably that there was no confusion. They had gauged the capacity of the house for entertainment, and wisely heeded Nick-eto enough, and no more.

### THE ATTENDANCE.

Early in the evening the company began to assemble, and some time before the hour announced for supper—nine o'clock—the entire party numbering 240 was in.

It was a pleasant sight to see the pioneers in the settlement of this county meet thus for social intercourse. Business was laid aside, politics were ignored, and conversation was given up to a relation of scenes and incidents connected with the advent to Rock county of those participating in the festival, which was made up of representatives from nearly or quite every town in the county.

### OLD SETTLERS' SOCIETY.

In the early part of the evening a meeting was called of those present, for the purpose of organizing an "Old Settlers' Society." Judge Noggle presided and Mr. H. Richardson was made Secretary. The organization was effected by the appointment of a committee of ten by the chair as follows: J. M. Burgess, Chairman, S. G. Colley, O. Guernsey, Ira Miltimore, George Ogden, H. Richardson, Dr. J. Mitchell, Clark Lawson and Harrison Scribbs.

### THE SUPPER.

About 10 o'clock the company were seated at the tables, when the President of the occasion, Mr. J. E. Doe, announced that grace would be said by Rev. Mr. McGor.

This reverential ceremony concluded, the signal was given for serving the supper. With so large a company this was no light task.

### TOASTS AND SPEECHES.

At the conclusion of the supper, President Doe called the company to order, and stated that the next thing on the programme was the toasts and their responses. They were as follows:

1st. Gen. George Washington—in the language of one of our American poets

"The first in war, the first in peace,  
The first in luxury that Freedom owns,  
Responded till time shall cease,  
Be first in council and in force."

This toast was responded to by the company rising and standing for a moment in silence.

2d. The Army and Navy.

Maj. Clarence Miltimore responded.

3d. The Flag of our country—ample protection to our citizens at home and abroad.

John H. Bennett, Esq. made a short and happy response to the above.

4th. The State of Wisconsin.

Hon. James Sutherland made a few very appropriate remarks in response to this.

5th. Old Rock.

Mr. J. M. Burgess, excellent spirits! ever to this.

6th. The pioneer. Judge Noggle made a most interesting speech, very much.

7th. The Pro Maj. May responding a somewhat grave of this country very justly, a deep present gratifying county.

8th. The Past and Present.

Was responded to by Mr. Wm. Hodson who alluded to the first part of the sentiment, in a smile provoking manner, and to the latter part in a more sedate vein.

The Bower City Band interspersed the sentiments with excellent and appropriate music, enlivening the occasion most agreeably.

At the conclusion of the regular toasts and their responses the company arose and left the table, as it was already late and many of those present had a long distance to go before reaching their homes.

We think those present greatly enjoyed this reunion, and measure will no doubt be taken to have an annual gathering of this kind on a more extensive scale.

Below we give the names of those who registered their names on the night of the festival, giving the place of their native-

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—Mr. C. W. Hodson is making some valuable and important improvements in his mill property on the race. They consist of a new bulkhead, the walls of which are built of solid masonry, and three new water wheels of the most approved patterns now in use. One of them is said to be the largest in the State. The work is prosecuted under the supervision of Mr. D. C. Ward, and will be done in a superior manner. The present time is a most propitious one for the job, since the Monterey dam is gone, and consequently the water in the river is very low. When these improvements are completed this mill will be supplied with one of the best running gears of any establishment of the kind in the State.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1891.

# THE HODSON DISTILLERY CASE.

We publish in this issue the decision in this case by Judge Hopkins, yesterday. The case was tried at the June term of the United States Court at Madison, before Judge David Davis, of the Supreme Court, and J. C. Hopkins, District Judge, and resulted as will be seen in a decided victory for the government. This is only one of the several cases which have been pending in court since October, 1887, and the first in which a final judgment has been reached.

A large amount of money and property is involved in this litigation, being no less than a tax of \$28,107.50 claimed by the government from Hodson, some \$30,000 in penalties, besides the forfeiture of Hodson's bonds as a distiller and confiscation of his distillery property. We understand that Mr. Hodson's counsel intend to apply for a further continuance of the other cases which are on the calendar at this term.

These suits were begun before the establishment of the western District Court, and have been under charge of Hon. H. E. Palmer, of Wisconsin, who has been counsel for the government in this matter since May, 1889.

The foundation of all this litigation, as we understand it, is this: During the years from 1861 to 1870, Mr. Hodson was running a distillery at Tortville, in Rock county. In May, 1861, Mr. A. E. Burpee, U. S. Revenue Detective, made an examination into the affairs of Hodson, and upon his complaint and the evidence furnished by him, the assessment was entered and proceedings instituted. The amount of taxes expended by him in looking up and arranging the testimony on the part of the government may be imagined by a glance at the papers, which in this case, we understand, contain some 2,000 folios of written evidence. The following is the opinion delivered yesterday. It will be read with interest.—*For Green Republicans and Lovers.*

[We understand that the defendants in this case will take an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.—Eos, GAZETTE.]

United States Circuit and Western District of Wisconsin.

The United States  
William Hodson et al.,

## IN EQUITY.

Present, Hon. Justice David Davis, Hon. District Judge J. C. Hopkins.

This is a suit in equity brought under the authority of the 30th section of the act of July 20, 1868, 15 Vol. Stat. at Large, page 167, to subject the real estate of the principal defendant, Wm. Hodson, to the payment of a tax assessed upon him as a distiller by the Assessor of the Second District of this State to the amount of \$28,107.50.

This assessment was made under the authority conferred upon the assessor by sections 14 and 20 of the act of June 20, 1864, as amended by the act of July 14, 1865, vol. 14 Stat. at Large, pages 161 and 162. It was made on the 10th day of October, 1867, and on the 14th of October Hodson appeared there to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and on the 19th of January, 1868 the Commissioner affirmed it. It was made because of fraudulent and false returns of Hodson as a distiller for spirits manufactured and not reported to the assessor, and for spirits sold by him upon which the tax in this amount had not been paid in legal or the provisions of the law.

The defendant was duly notified and summoned before the assessor and appeared and was examined on oath, and testimony was taken before the assessor and a full examination had of the case as provided by law, and after such hearing and assessment was made, and was afterwards affirmed on appeal as before stated.

The assessor on the 11th day of October, 1867, delivered the assessment to the collector of the district to collect. That the collector on the same day notified the defendant thereof, and on the 20th November his deputy, under proper warrant, levied upon certain real estate of the defendant and advertised it for sale. That on the 15th of December, 1867, the defendant commenced suit in equity in the United States Circuit Court for the District of Wisconsin against the collector and his deputy, to set aside the assessment, and obtained injunction restraining the sale.—That suit was dismissed in Feb., 1868.—That suit was commenced in Feb., 1869.

The proceedings of the assessor, in making the assessment, conformed substantially with the requirements of the act.

But the defendants claim that the sections above mentioned, under which the assessor acted, are not applicable to distillers, and that he had no jurisdiction in the premises and that the assessment is therefore absolutely void.

If that is so the bill must be dismissed, for it is only in cases "where it is lawful and has become necessary to seize and sell real estate to satisfy the tax" that a suit of this character can be sustained. We cannot yield our assent to defendants' view of the act. Upon a careful examination of the provisions of those sections, we think they confer jurisdiction upon assessors in such cases. The claim of defendants' counsel that section 14 relates to "annual lists" only, cannot be sustained.

The section, after providing fully for "annual lists," further states, "or if any person without notice shall not deliver a monthly or other list or return at the time required by law, or if any person shall deliver or disclose to any assessor or assistant assessor any false statement or return which in the opinion of the assessor is false or fraudulent, or contains any under statement or under valuation, &c.," the assessor may proceed to hear and decide the case in the manner provided therein; "and from the best information which he can obtain, including that derived from the evidence," make "such list or return of the property, and all articles or objects liable to tax, owned or possessed or under the care or management of such person and assess the tax thereon."

The section further provides that the "tax thus assessed shall be collected by the assessor (the same as other taxes)" and the "list or return so made and subscribed by such assessor or assistant assessor, shall be taken and reputed as good and sufficient for all legal purposes."

Section 20 rather extends the power of assessors in case of omission in making any list and authorizes them to assess in case of "omission, understatement or undervaluation or false or fraudulent statement contained in any return or returns made by any person or parties liable to tax and to set the amount the party may be liable for above the amount stated in any return and certify it to the collector. It also makes applicable all provisions of law for the assessment thereof. The authority of the assessor to make assessment in such cases has been sustained in United States v. Six Forfeiting Tubs, 8 Vol. 12 Recl. Dec., page 9. In re Lippman, 9 Id., page 1.

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These provisions, in our opinion, confer upon the assessor authority to investigate all accounts, lists, or returns made or required to be made to him by and all classes of persons liable to pay taxes upon any property, trade, or business.

They clothe him with supervisory power over such accounts or returns and authorize him to increase the amount of the assessment in all cases of fraud or omission, and to assess upon every party the amount of tax for which he is liable under the law.

The law fixes the tax, and the revenue officer is simply the instrument or machinery provided for carrying it into effect.

The authority conferred to him by the sections above named is in its nature judicial instead of ministerial. This law should receive a liberal construction. Revenue laws are not penal or to be considered as penal, but rather as remedial laws. Taylor v. U. S., 3 How. 210. Clague's Champagne, 3 Wall 145.

Distillers by section 27 of the act of June 20, 1864, 13 Stat. at Large, p. 243, are required tri-monthly, to render to the assessor of the district sworn accounts of the "number of gallons of spirits distilled and also the number of gallons sold or removed for sale or consumption" and we cannot see any reason for exempting these returns or accounts from the operations of the provisions of sections 14 and 20 before mentioned.

The reason on the contrary for allowing assessors to exercise such authority over distillers' accounts we deem far more cogent than for allowing such authority over many other cases for either the amount of the tax imposed or the nature of the business has shown that fraudulent accounts in that business have been far more frequent and of much greater magnitude than in any other. Hence, the importance of authorizing assessors to revise those accounts and assess the proper tax thereon.

Again, section 14 of the acts of March 3, 1867, confers upon the assessor the right (14 Vol. Stat. at Large, 483) to assess upon a distiller the tax upon spirits removed other than to a bonded warehouse and to certify it to the collector for collection. It declares that, "that provision shall not exclude any other remedy or proceedings provided by law."



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# THE GAZETTE.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1871.

CITY AND COUNTY.

## POLITICAL ADDRESSES.

Governor Fairchild and Hon G. W. Hazleton will address the Republicans of Southern Rock county at Clinton Junction on the 16th day of October. It will be an evening meeting.

## JOINT DISCUSSION.

A joint discussion between Gen. C. G. WASHBURN and the Hon. J. R. DOOLITTLE will be held at the Opera House in this city, on Saturday the 21st day of October, commencing at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

## To The Citizens of Janesville.

That we may give substantial response to the accompanying appeal from Green Bay, I deem it advisable to call a public meeting of the citizens of Janesville, at the common council rooms, at 7:30 o'clock this (Friday) evening, for the purpose of organizing for the further relief of the northern sufferers. Let there be a full attendance and a generous response.

A proposition will be submitted designating several places in this city as depositories of such contributions as may be made by our own citizens and the people of the surrounding country, so long as any of the sufferers may need aid.

ANSON ROGERS,  
Mayor City Janesville.

Special Despatch to the Evening Wisconsin.  
Green Bay, October 10.—There have five hundred persons perished at Peshtigo Newspaper reports do not exaggerate.—Down the east shore the mortality is fully as great. Everything is needed. The town is full of refugees.

H. O. CHANE.

## Brief Items.

—Kahly & Co. have commenced the manufacture of their celebrated caramels.  
—The first money order on Chicago, is

great measure, leaving inflammable material in a condition to ignite about as readily as before. Continued vigilance will do much to avert disaster, and let us be tireless in our efforts to prevent destruction.

## Incipient Fire.

At the residence of C. W. Hodson, on Bluff street, last night, there was a narrow escape from disastrous fire. During the evening Mrs Hodson discovered that the gas was escaping and took a candle to investigate the cause. The light coming in contact with the leaking gas it was ignited and blazed up between the plastering of a partition. Mrs Hodson attempted to smother the flames with a blanket and at the same time directed her servant girl to go below and shut off the gas at the meter. This she could not accomplish but a neighbor happened to arrive at this juncture and succeeded in closing the meter. A hole was then cut in the partition and the fire extinguished by pouring in water.

## Country Newspapers.

During the past few days Chicago newsboys have regularly announced the "Janesville Daily Gazette" on the streets of that city, and have disposed of a liberal number of our papers. A short time since a gentleman connected with the Milwaukee Sentinel, who was passing through Chicago, inquired of the youthful intelligence vender if he had a copy of the Sentinel. With an air of offended dignity the ragged urchin replied that he "didn't sell country papers," and went for a customer whose appearance indicated literary tastes of a nature less provincial. The two circumstances indicate that either the pride of the Chicago newsboys has suffered a decline, or the Janesville press is entitled to the preference among these high-toned youths.

## Food and Clothing for the Sufferers.

To the Editors of the Janesville Gazette:

See of the Continental New York:

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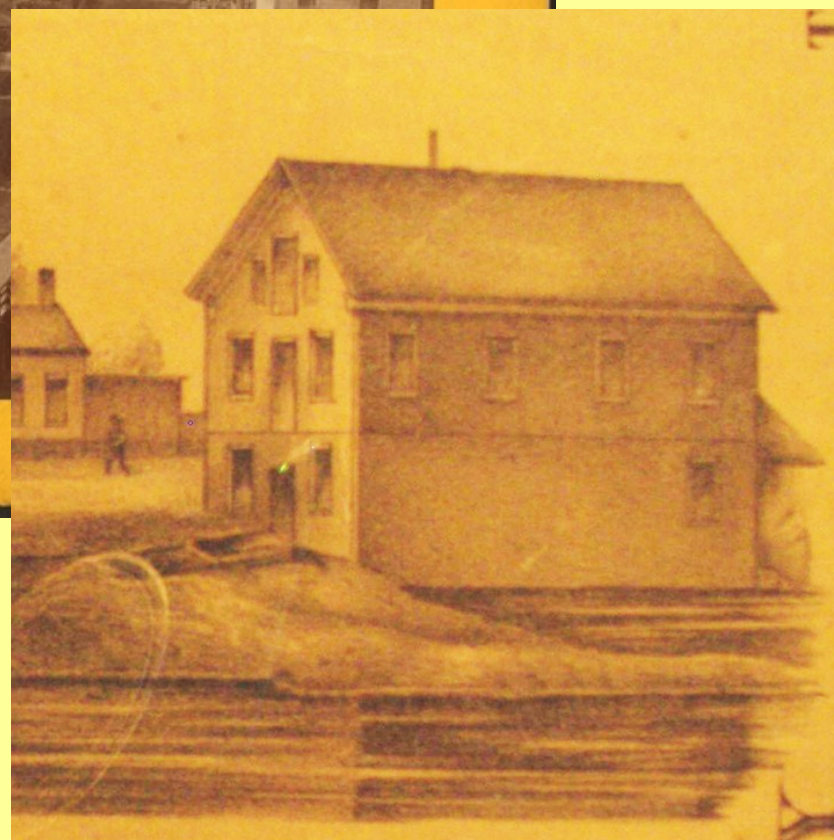
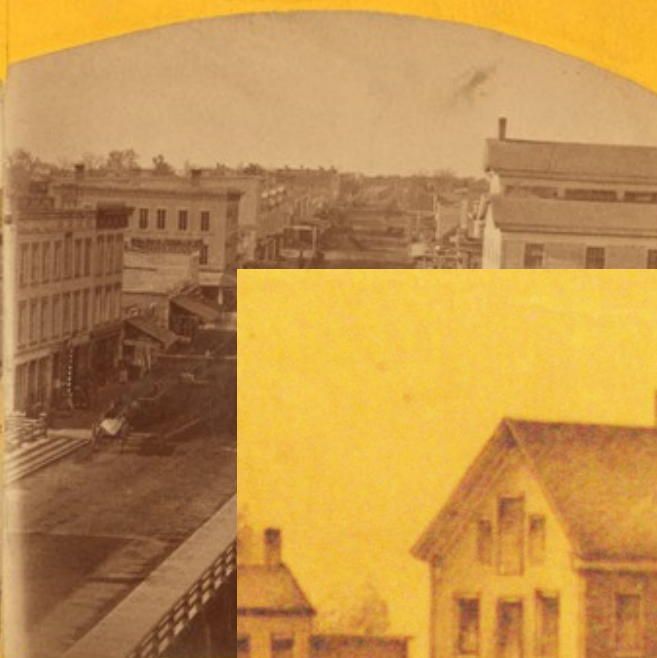
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#### DEATH OF WILLIAM HODSON.

The death of William Hodson, which occurred at his home in this city early yesterday morning, comes with a sudden and sad surprise to his many friends and acquaintances in this city, as he had been ill but a few days, and when seen upon the streets less than a week ago, he seemed in usual health and vigor. His illness was short but severe, and despite medical skill and tender care, death came. He had reached the age of 74 years, and was an Englishman by birth, removing to this country, and settling in this city as early as 1846. He was engaged in various enterprises here, during the succeeding years, and was engaged for some time in the milling and distillery business in Turtle. He was a man whom everybody knew, for he was easily approached, social and genial, and ever active. He was a man who kept himself well posted in the events of the day, with the history of the past, and delighted to indulge in friendly discussions. He had a large fund of wit and humor, and enjoyed the merry tinge of life. In fact he had many good qualities of head and heart, which endeared him to his family and friends, and the blow to them is a heavy one.

The funeral services are to be held at his late residence on Lynn street, Fourth ward, to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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Hodson House, Turtleville

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# Turtleville, a Deserted Village, but Charm of Olden Times Lingers on

By PEG O'BRIEN

Turtleville — Fate conspired and connived to destroy the future of this "once upon a time" village, and her hand maidens, under subtle guise, worked so artfully that almost none of the original settlers are to be found around this tiny hamlet on Turtle creek. Pioneers are stilled by death, sleeping in Turtle township cemetery, where every home is a link in the history of the making of the township.

The tombstone of Merritt Bostwick, who gave part of the cemetery to the town, has tumbled over, its base a prey to the elements. Merritt Bostwick came to Turtleville in 1823. His granddaughter, Mrs. L. A. Van Galder, lives on the Beloit-Clinton highway. Merritt Bostwick was a deacon in the Baptist church and an all-around leader in the community. While his coming to Turtleville was many years before the township was marked off, Mr. Bostwick lived more than 50 years in the community.

## Capt. Doty Buried Here

Another stone erected when there were still hopes of Turtleville being a city is that for Capt. Ezra Doty, a Revolutionary war hero, and his wife, Eunice. Ezra Doty, great grandfather of Mrs. Charles L. Fifield, Janesville, died in Lockport, N. Y., in 1870, and his wife died in 1815. Their son, Z. F. Doty, who married a daughter of Merritt Bostwick, erected the stone.

These good people sleeping under the catalpa trees that Merritt Bostwick planted as proper decoration for a burying ground, represent those responsible for the beginning of Turtle and La Prairie township.

From a smiling village humming with activity of the large mill operated by William Hodson, who later moved to Janesville, Turtleville became a deserted village after the Civil war. The boys—Will Wheeler, who is now past 50, was one of them—John Barkhauff, Richard Spencer, Truman and William Harvey, Orson Harvey, George Merry, Nelson Wheeler, and Chauncey Van Allen were no longer interested in farming or the life of the small community, when they returned from the war.



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most of the people in the village closed soon after the war.

The home of the miller, William Hodson, still stands on Turtle creek. So spacious is the house that it attracts tourists daily. It has 16 rooms, many of which are decorated with ornamental fireplaces. In its prime, the Hodson house had a wide piazza facing the creek, which gave it a palatial flare that unpretentious homes of the villagers lacked.

J. L. Wheeler, father of Will Wheeler, and Richard Spencer, his brother-in-law, built the Hodson house soon after they came to Turtle in 1855. Mr. Hodson, father of Miss Rida Hodson, Janesville, took great pride in his gardens, which were landscaped as beautifully as any English country estate. Passers-by peered over the high board fence into a bower of loveliness made from the artistic arrangement of snowballs, lilacs, peonies, and lilies.



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Historic Name: **William Hodson**

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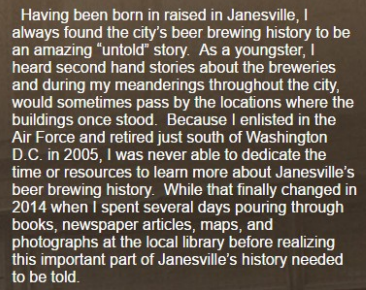




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**TO COOPERS---** Wanted at the Janesville Brewery a Thousand Beer Barrels made. None but first rate hands need apply.

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Janesville Gazette 22 May, 1847

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**Accident---** A pair of horses belonging to Mr. Wm. Hodson of this village, were driven into the river on Monday for the purpose of drinking, and getting beyond their depth, were drowned. They were valued at \$150

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preserved among the archives of the city.

The chair announced the following named gentlemen as composing the committee to gather statistics and present the same to the consideration of the Congress of the United States.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

Massachusetts—Abbott Lawrence, J. Mills.

New York—John C. Spencer, Samuel B. Ruggles.

Kentucky—James T. Morehead, J. Guthrie.

Indiana—Jacob G. Sleight, Zebulon Baird.

Missouri—Thomas Allen, Joseph M. Converse.

Rhode Island—Alexander Duncan, Zachariah Allen.

Iowa—George C. Stone, William Ewing.

Pennsylvania—T. J. Bingham, S. C. Johnson.

Ohio—James Hall, Joseph L. Westerbeek.

Connecticut—Thomas W. Williams, Philip Ripley.

Wisconsin—Rufus King, W. Woodman.

Georgia—Thomas Butler King, William B. Hodson.

Florida—John G. Camp.

Michigan—Joseph R. Williams, David A. Noble.

Maine—Charles Jarvis, George Evans.

Illinois—Jesse B. Thomas, David J. Barker.

New Jersey—Charles King, R. L. Colt.

Committee on Printing—S. Lisle Smith, Geo. W. Dole, William B. Ogden.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Janesville Gazette 11 May, 1848

FINC.—The Brewery belonging to Mr. William Hodson of this village was consumed by fire on Friday night last, together with the dwelling house attached. A small out building used for malting and a part of the furniture of the house are all that could be saved. Mr. Hodson estimates his loss at about \$5000. Some suppose the fire to have originated from the building being struck by lightning, but this is not certain. Every exertion was used to save the building, by the large number of our citizens who assembled as soon as the fire was discovered, but the flames had made such progress as to make the attempt useless.

Janesville Gazette 14 March 1857

Mr. William Hodson, formerly a resident of this city, has been appointed postmaster at Shopier, in this county. This appointment is under the new order of things, originated by our neighbors of the Standard, by which all "black republican" postmasters are to walk the plank, and none but approved "democrats" allowed to serve the people in even the humblest capacity. The town of Turtle, in which Shopier is the only post office, gave Fremont 281 votes, and Buchanan 48. How "the democracy" do allow the majority to rule!

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## H MANEA HISTORY

### Manea People

As I am writing this in November, and the clocks have only just gone back, I have been trying to imagine what it must have been like in Manea before electricity came to the village. How much darker the world would have seemed to be, using oil lamps and candles. No gas of any kind, so no gas lighting or cooking. We imagine that houses had coal-fired ranges, but these were expensive and would be heavy to transport, so poorer people would have simply had open fires, or semi open fires to cook on: no ovens, they would just use saucepans and kettles, either on a hob or suspended over the fire using a crane device.

Having no oven would mean that a Christmas roast would either be cooked as a pot roast at home or else it would have to be cooked at the bakehouse. Usually the local baker would let people cook their roast meats in his oven for a small charge.

How dark it would be, no books to read, and no

There would be no waterproof clothing

My Mum, who was

Oil would have to be brought from human habitation

No wonder country


Janet

### Manea People

The new British Museum data is rather massive with you over the


One of the few things Almost exactly 10

Every house needs was Moulton



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